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October is National Arts and Humanities Month

Tribe to host Lowak Sho'li Humanities Forum Oct. 14

ADA, Okla. - The fourth annual Lowak Sho'li "Carry the Fire" Native Humanities Forum will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

The forum will feature a panel of Native American scholars. It offers an opportunity for dialogue among Native and non-Native people. Lowak Sho'li will feature a question-and-answer format. Questions from the audience will be welcome during discussions by scholars.

This event will be conducted in conjunction with National Arts and Humanities Month.

Lowak Sho'li is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

The McSwain Theatre is at 130 W. Main in Ada.

Harvest Fest scheduled October 11 at Emet

EMET, Okla. - The 2014 Harvest Fest is scheduled for 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

The free event offers the attendees a chance to step back into the early 1900s with food and activities exemplifying the lives of Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston and his family.

Festivities include carriage rides, crafts, children's activities, old-time fiddling by "The Boggy River Bluegrass Band" and gunfights by "The Oklahombres."

Lunch will be provided. Tours of the White House will be available throughout the day.

The Chickasaw White House is located at the north edge of Emet, 10 miles east of Tishomingo, Okla.

For more information, please call (580) 371-9835.

Southeastern Art Show and Market opens Oct. 3

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The 2014 Chickasaw Nation Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo opens at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3 on the historic Chickasaw Capitol grounds.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during the tribe's 54th Annual Meeting and 26th Chickasaw Festival, the juried art competition and market will also be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 4.

More than 60 artists, both adult and youth, from Southeastern and Woodland tribes, will be participating in two-dimensional or three-dimensional categories.

Established in 2005, SEASAM is a place where professional Native American artists can express themselves through art, preserving their cultural identity through fine art and provide attendees a greater awareness of cultural traditions.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or by email artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

Gov. Anoatubby, citizens discuss progress, future plans

Matt and Regina Powers look at plans for a new area office and wellness center during the September 18 Community Dinner in Purcell, Okla.

Josh Turner was recognized for his success in national and international canoe and kayak competition during the Oklahoma City Community Dinner September 16 at Remington Park. Turner finished 27th in a field of more than 1,000 athletes competing in the K-One, 200-meter race in the Junior World Championship event in Hungary.

Hundreds of Chickasaws and friends gathered recently to discuss progress and explore plans for the future during Chickasaw Nation events in Oklahoma City, Purcell, Okla., and Vancouver, Washington.

More than 560 Chickasaws, friends and family gathered Sept. 16 at Remington Park in Oklahoma City, while more than 175 attended the Sept. 18 event in Purcell. More than 120 attended the September 20 meeting in Vancouver.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the purpose of the events was to promote fellowship, share information and discuss plans for the future with Chickasaws.

Governor Anoatubby addressed the gathering during a meeting of Chickasaws and friends in Vancouver, Washington. Those in attendance also enjoyed cultural demonstrations and learned more about health care, housing, education, aging and other available services.

"We have information about health care, tourism, community services and more we want to share with you, but we also want to hear your ideas on how we can help meet your needs," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Many of the services we offer are based on your suggestions, so we really want to hear what you have to say. Everything we do is focused on our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Success of the Chickasaw tribal businesses, Gov. Anoatubby said, was vital to achieving that mission.

Remington Park is one of many Chickasaw Nation businesses in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Other businesses in the area include Bank2, Riverwind Casino, Chickasaw Nation Industries, and Newcastle Casino. These businesses and others provide funding for programs and services which would not otherwise be available.

A new area office opened earlier this year on North Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City. Information on a variety of services, including energy assistance and education is available at the office.

Plans are also under development to build a dual purpose senior site and community center in Oklahoma City.

Plans are also under way to build a new wellness center in Purcell. The wellness center will include exercise equipment and

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Diabetic group visits, new providers

Tishomingo Health Clinic expands staff, services

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Tishomingo Health Clinic is a full-service clinic offering primary care, optometry, dental, lab, imaging, audiology, a drive-thru pharmacy, physical therapy, nutrition counseling and behavioral therapy.

The new clinic opened in February 2013, expanding the square footage to offer more in-house departments. The clinic expanded both programs and staff to offer more services to Chickasaw and other Indian patients.

Diabetic group gisits are now offered twice monthly with a physician/provider-led team. The visits bring diabetics together as a group to understand the challenges and therapies.

The diabetic group team consists of a dietitian, nurse and therapist. The team offers support and encouragement to patients. Patients are encouraged to take on leadership roles in their own care and set goals to control their diabetes. Group visits include presentations and patient-led discussions regarding diabetes, nutrition, labs and exercise. Groups meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, and the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

New Medical Team Members

In September, Dr. Roderic Smith and Michael Reyes, PA-C, joined the Tishomingo Health Clinic team. Prior to joining the Tishomingo Health Clinic, Dr. Smith and Mr. Reyes provided services at the jointly operated Chickasaw and Choctaw Durant Indian Clinic.

Dr. Smith, a Chickasaw Nation Department of Health employee for five years, completed his medical training at St. Louis University School of Medicine and completed a family practice residency at Baylor University School of Medicine. He was in private practice for several years prior to working at the Durant Clinic and is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Mr. Reyes has been a Chickasaw Nation Department of Health employee for the past three years. He graduated from Midwestern University with an M.S./P.A. He is certified by the National Commission on Certification on Physician's Assistants.

Both Dr. Smith and Mr. Reyes are now family practice providers

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'Te Ata' filming across Chickasaw Nation, state

Brigid Brannagh on the porch of the Chickasaw White House during filming "Te Ata." Brannagh is probably best known for her role as Pamela Moran in the television hit "Army Wives." She portrays Te Ata's mother Bertie Thompson in "Te Ata."

OKLAHOMA CITY – Governor Bill Anoatubby joined a cast of Hollywood's finest performers Sept. 23 as filming of "Te Ata" continued at the Oklahoma City Railroad Museum.

The film, Gov. Anoatubby said, was a great way to tell the story of the Chickasaw people.

"We are pleased we have such a diverse group of actors involved in telling the story of the impact Te Ata had on her audience and on society," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Te Ata once wrote that art brings all people together. Her career bears testimony to the truth of that idea as her life's work did a great deal to help bring diverse cultures closer together. We hope this film will build on that legacy by inspiring a greater sense of understanding."

Filming began September 8 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma on the feature film based on the life of one of the town's best known early residents. Award-winning Native American actors in the cast include Q'Orianka Kilcher as Te Ata; Oscar-nominee Graham Greene as Chickasaw Nation Gov. Douglas Johnston; and Gil Birmingham as Te Ata's father, Thomas Thompson.

Chickasaw actress Jenni Mabrey plays Governor Johnston's wife, Bettie Johnston, in the film. Ms. Mabrey appeared in the Television series "Party Girl." She also plays Olivia York in the movie "Stay at Home Dads," scheduled to be released later this year.

Numerous other Chickasaws served as actors and extras in the film.

Filming in the Tishomingo area included scenes at Pennington Creek, the Chickasaw Nation Capitol, the Chickasaw Bank and the Chickasaw White House. Other locations in Oklahoma include landscapes near the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center near Sulphur, as well as historic buildings and historic sites in Sulphur, Guthrie and the Oklahoma City areas.

Known as Te Ata – "bearer of the morning" – the Chickasaw actress, teacher and storyteller entertained powerful political leaders, kings and queens, heads of state and audiences worldwide.

Named Woman of the Year by *Ladies' Home Journal* in 1976, Te Ata entertained nationally and internationally, performing for audiences of schoolchildren, presidents, kings and heads of state. Inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1958 and the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 1990, she received the Oklahoma Governor's Arts Award in 1975 and was declared Oklahoma's first

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Chickasaw Nation Health workers honored for service excellence

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Department of Health employees were recently honored at the annual luncheon and awards ceremony.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, Department of Health Secretary Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Ph.D., APRN-CNP, and Marty Wafford, Executive Officer for Support and Programs and Health System Administration for Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, presented awards at the Aug. 11 ceremony.

Capt. Jeffrey S. Morris was named "Employee of the Year." The Internal Medicine team at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center was named "Team of the Year."

Dawnette Hassler and Audrey Ennis were the nominees for the Employee of the Year award and received plaques of recognition.

The nominees were selected because of their commitment to quality patient care.

CONTRIBUTED BY Justin Lofton, Internal Affairs.

From left, Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, APRN-CNP; members of the internal medicine team at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center including: Dr. Fabio Mota, Dr. Antonio Lee, Diana Turner, Dr. Fred Wallace, Victoria Morgan, Sandy Smith, Kimberly Wilson, Dorothy (Suzie) Abbott, Kayla McCullough, Nicole Heath, Nicole Golden, Shawnna Smith, Angela Masters, Amy Stepp, Rhonda Hamilton, Christy Stockton and holding the plaque, Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Employee of the Year

Judy Goforth Parker and Governor Bill Anoatubby present the Employee of the year award to CAPT. Jefferey S. Morris.

Nominee

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Judy Goforth Parker present Dawnette Hassler with a plaque for a nominee at the Employee and Team of the Year Award ceremony Aug. 11.

Nominee

Audrey Ennis is presented with her nominee award by Judy Goforth Parker and Governor Bill Anoatubby at the Employee of the Year Awards Aug.11.

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at the Tishomingo Health Clinic and are accepting new patients.

Endocrinology Services

Also offering services through contract referred care at the Tishomingo, Purcell and Ardmore Chickasaw Nation Health Clinics is endocrinologist Dr. Curtis Harris, M.S., M.D., JD. Patients previously commuted to Ada for appointments with Dr. Harris, but he now travels to all three Chickasaw Nation satellite health clinics to meet patient needs.

Pediatric Services

Dr. Angela Torres leads the medical team at Tishomingo Health Clinic. She has been a provider of care at the clinic for three years. She completed her medical training at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and residency training at Swedish/Providence Family Medicine in Seattle. Dr. Torres was in private practice for 10 years prior to joining the Chickasaw Nation. She is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Torres is now taking new pediatric patients offering well child exams, immunizations and acute care visits.

Behavioral Health Services

Over the next few months, the Tishomingo Health Clinic will expand behavioral health services to include medical family therapy into primary care. This expansion will include additional staff that will be integrated into the medical team.

Treatment is based on the bio psychosocial-spiritual model of health care and takes into consideration the patient's biological systems, as well as psychological factors, relational issues, family histories, social support and spiritual health. This care features a team approach. It assesses patients' emotional, psychological and medical interactions and responds as a team to patients' needs.

Michael Reyes, PA-C, family practice provider at Tishomingo Health Clinic.

Dr. Roderic A. Smith, MD, family practice provider at Tishomingo Health Clinic.

Dr. Curtis Harris, M.S., M.D., JD., endocrinologist at the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinics.

Dr. Angela Torres leads the medical team at Tishomingo Health Clinic.

To join the Diabetic Group or to schedule an individual appointment with a Tishomingo Health Clinic primary care provider, call (580) 387-2722.

CONTRIBUTED BY Amber Carey, Public Affairs.

This month on CNTV

In the month of October, CNTV will air one recap episode covering the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

The theme for this year's meeting and festival is "Honor, Tradition, Courage – Our People." Watch a recap of the celebration this year, including the parade, cultural tours, the Chickasaw Princess Pageant and the Chickasaw Cultural Evening in our special feature on CNTV.

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Overcoming adversity nothing new to the Chickasaw people

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Overcoming adversity is an important component of good character. Those who can face challenges and come out on top possess a quality that is uncommon.

The Chickasaw Nation has faced more than its share of adversity throughout history. Meeting with serious problems is a real test, and our tribe has navigated many challenges successfully over time.

Our tribe had staked out a large and prosperous territory prior to European contact. Chickasaws were good providers and traders, and great warriors. We had a great Nation.

With European contact, our world began to change. Slowly at first, then with much more speed. Our existence would change radically as the land's non-Indian cultures established footholds and the tapestry of European alliances and conflicts would be spread across what is now the eastern U.S. We were constantly adapting and holding fast against the many challenges we faced.

The Chickasaw Nation comported itself admirably during the American Revolutionary War. Our leaders analyzed the situation on the ground the best they could and were recognized as important allies by the new country. However, by the 1830s our contributions were overlooked. We were removed from our homelands in the Southeast. We would once again face tremendous adversity with great strength and dignity. Our people were removed to the west and our new home.

We built communities, businesses, schools, churches and more as we also fought off attacks from our west. We established our constitution and our distinct Chickasaw Nation, but the effort had really only started.

More pressure came from the east. Non-Indians entered our nation without consent and railroads gained access across our lands. We were steadily dealing with one challenge after another.

By the end of the 19th century, the Chickasaw Nation moved into the period of allotment. As good-hearted as some of the allotment proponents were, there were plenty of other people who simply looked forward to grabbing land, minerals and other property.

Once allotment had occurred, the Chickasaw people suffered through tremendous poverty and other adversities. Conditions among Chickasaw families were often terrible. Chickasaw families suffered even as they worked ever harder to support themselves.

While there was some relief directed toward Indian people by the federal government in the 1930s, the remainder of the period from the turn of the century to the 1960s was extremely difficult. Our tribe was threatened with termination at least twice and the seemingly relentless pressure to simply make us "go away" was withering.

With the slow 1960s realization that Indian sovereignty was a positive for the tribes, the people and the country, things very slowly began to change. Our tribal sovereignty, which had always been our bedrock, became recognized as the fundamental support that would propel Chickasaws, and all the tribes, to success.

The Chickasaw people had endured tremendous adversity. It is difficult to imagine a longer period of challenge.

The wonderful and encouraging thing about the Chickasaw Nation is that we not only survived the many trials, we also pulled ourselves up by our bootstraps! Part of overcoming adversity is charting the right course after defeating the challenge that was before you. I am very proud to say that, together, we have charted that good course and stayed on the right road throughout.

The Chickasaw Nation is arguably one of the more exciting tribal success stories in the country!

We must always remember to thank those Chickasaws who came before us and kept our tribe alive and vital. It is they who met adversity as no others in history.

We will no doubt encounter adversity ahead, and we will meet it head on.

Working together as Chickasaws, there is little we cannot accomplish!

Robert Harris commissioned historic Capitol building

Robert Harris

Note: This is the eighth in a series of articles highlighting the burial place of Chickasaw Governors since removal to Indian Territory.

The historic Chickasaw capitol in Tishomingo serves as the epicenter of festivities during the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

The ornate capitol stands as a sentinel to tribal sovereignty and a tangible reminder of the Chickasaw Nation's history.

Much of the credit for building the capitol building can be ascribed to former Chickasaw Nation Governor Robert Maxwell Harris.

Robert Harris served one term as Chickasaw governor, from 1896-98.

On Nov. 8, 1897, Governor Harris signed a bill appropriating $15,000 to build the new capitol building in Tishomingo, according to "A Nation In Transition," by Oklahoma historian Dr. Michael Lovegrove.

Gov. Harris also oversaw the Capitol building's construction, using granite from his own quarry to build it. He also donated the keystone for the capitol entrance.

Born April 1, 1850, near Tishomingo, Robert Harris was educated at tribal schools. He later attended a private school in Paris, Texas.

After completing his education, he returned to the Tishomingo area and pursued farming and the livestock business, according to "Chronicles of Oklahoma," Vol. 17, No. 4, written by John Meserve in 1939.

In 1890, he opened a general store in Tishomingo. Gov. Harris also helped facilitate the construction of the initial telephone line connecting Tishomingo, Ardmore, in Indian Territory, and Denison, Texas.

He was regarded, Mr. Meserve wrote, as one of the wealthiest men in the Chickasaw Nation.

His initial political experiences included a stint as county judge and sheriff. He later served on the Chickasaw legislature.

He was elected as Chickasaw governor in 1896.

The Atoka Agreement, under the Harris administration, was inserted in the Curtis Act of June 1898. This provided for the allotment of tribal domain, abolishment of the tribal courts and the dissolution of the Chickasaw government.

"Governor Harris favored the transition, became a signer of the Atoka Agreement and led the understanding Chickasaws in their adoption of its terms. This was the most forward movement the Chickasaws had taken since their removal to the West and much credit is due to the patient, understanding efforts of their progressive governor," Mr. Meserve wrote.

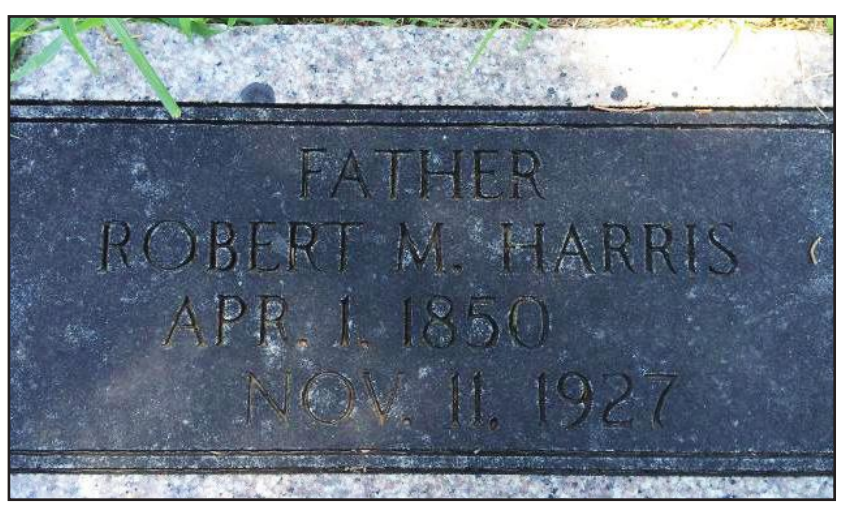
Governor Harris promoted education among the Chickasaw people. The Orphan School in Pickens County was completed, many schools were repaired and Bloomfield Seminary and the school at Double Spring were rebuilt during his administration. Additionally, a charter was granted to Hargrove College of the Methodist Church, South, in Ardmore by the tribal legislature, with the provision 20 Chickasaw students could attend.

Governor Harris was unsuccessful in his 1898 bid for re-election. He was succeeded by Douglas Johnston.

Gov. Harris resumed his private business pursuits in Tishomingo.

He married Incy McCoy in 1872. After her death in 1892, he married Virginia Wyatt. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He died in Nov. 11, 1927, and was buried in the Tishomingo Cemetery.



Both a gravestone and the Chickasaw Capitol Building, now completely restored by the Chickasaw Nation, stands in Tishomingo as a tribute to Governor Harris' efforts.

He was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 1998.

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Douglas Johnston, Jr., marched across Europe in 'The Great War'

The 13th Marine Corps Band gathers for a rare group photograph. Douglas Johnston Jr. is standing third from the right. The photograph is one of the few in the collection with a description.

Douglas Johnston Jr.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - In the hallway of the second floor of the historic Chickasaw Capitol Building is a one of the rarest photo exhibits in the world. More than 300 photographs make up this unique collection, which includes images captured during the final stages of World War I.

Chickasaw marine Douglas Johnston Jr., was just one of thousands of Native Americans who answered his nation's call to serve in "The Great War." He was the son of Chickasaw Gov. Douglas Johnston.

A warrior, musician and artist, the marine from rural Oklahoma traveled to Europe at age 23 as part of the European Expeditionary Force stationed in France. Documenting the experiences of American military men and historical events of the war, the collection presents the life of a Chickasaw warrior during an age when most Native Americans were not considered citizens of the United States.

"Douglas Johnston Jr.'s pictures are important," Chickasaw Capitol building manager and curator Donna Webb said. "These were taken during a period when most people had a very different view on how Native Americans acted and how they should look. He broke out of the box and did his own thing. He took his many talents and turned them into a living."

Mr. Johnston attended a Texas military academy. He was an accomplished musician gifted who could play many instruments. He became a member of the prestigious U.S. Marine Corps Band, the only Native American in his unit.

"The photograph of the entire Marine Corps Band he belonged to was a big find," Ms. Webb said. "Someone had taken the time to note the regiment they belonged to. When looking at the photo of the entire band, Douglas was the only minority in the group. It is easy to pick him out. "

Serving with the band allowed Mr. Johnston to snap photographs of important people, places and events during the war. There is a photo of Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, giving a speech. There are many beautiful city scenes throughout France and Italy. His photos often depict the candid, carefree moments of soldiers, as well as life on the front lines.

"I was not expecting the quality and content of the military photo," Ms. Webb said. "I was expecting a few pictures of Douglas Jr., with the other men he served with. I never would have guessed his photos would contain such historic cities and people in Europe. These photographs capture the people and time period."

World War I erupted in 1914 following the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria. Most of Europe was soon engulfed in war. The U.S. entered the conflict in 1917 following numerous attacks on American shipping by German submarines.

After completing his military service, Mr. Johnston's musicianship shaped his life. He joined the Charles Fischer Orchestra of Kalamazoo, Mich. While touring with the orchestra, he embarked on a journey that would span 29,000 miles and take him to Europe, Africa, South America and Asia. His camera always documented his travels.

"Not all of Johnston's photos are displayed," Ms. Webb said. "There are at least a hundred military photos in the archive. His military service was a brief, but exciting, part of his life. The rest of the collection includes photos of his journeys around the world with the orchestra."

According to a 1926 newspaper article, Mr. Johnston was recognized as, "the first member of the Five Civilized Tribes to travel around the world."

Investigating the Collection

Mr. Johnston's photographs were stored with his father's items at the Chickasaw Council House. The Chickasaw Council House, a museum located next door to the capitol building, serves as a storehouse for many Chickasaw historic artifacts and art.

Ms. Webb's keen eye prompted her to realize the photos were special.

"The pictures were part of the Gov. Johnston collection," she said. "When I first saw them I thought they were interesting. They are tiny photographs, each one no more than a couple of inches in size. The entire collection fit in a small box. When we finished recreating Gov. Johnston's exhibit, I had to go back and look at the photos again."

With such small images and with little description, Ms. Webb determined she would need to digitally scan and print the photos in a larger size.

"The more I scanned and printed the photos, the more interested I became in the pictures," Ms. Webb said. "Once I printed a hundred or so, I began to identify the images. Locations, people and places…they were amazing. Working with them (photographs) was like Christmas every day."

Ms. Webb's "interest" blossomed into a two-year labor of love as she sorted, identified and cataloged the photographs.

With little or no information to go on, she spent many hours investigating each individual photograph to identify the images. Many hours were spent comparing photographs that may have had a one- or two-word description to those without any, then cross referencing with photographs from other sources.

"It was a guessing game to identify some of the photos," she said. "There was a particular bridge in one of the photographs the band was standing on together, but there was no identification. I guessed they were still in Bordeaux, France, from another photograph. I did an Internet search of historic bridges of the city. The very first image that came up was the exact bridge in Bordeaux they were standing on, built by Napoleon."

The original photographs are being preserved and cataloged. The photographs are stored in acid free photo-archive envelopes and boxes. For organizational purposes, they are separated by time period and locations of images. With a few exceptions, almost all of the photographs in the collection have been digitized for posterity.

While serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War I in France, Douglas Johnston Jr. took many photographs depicting the life of a soldier during the war. The Arc de Triomphe photographs are among many in the Johnston Collection. Special care is taken when handling the small, original photographs.

Douglas Johnson Jr.

Douglas Johnston Jr. rose through the ranks of the Marine Corps Band to become a non-commissioned officer. This position of leadership for the rank and file troops was a rarity for Native Americans at the time.

CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs.

Annual Meeting, Festival a great time to enjoy friends, celebrate history; take time to see our Remington Park

Tishomingo District Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity to say Welcome Home to the Chickasaw Citizens from all over the world who came to gather in the Chickasaw Capitol of Tishomingo, OK during our Annual Meeting and Festival. The week started with stickball games and Princess crowning, which is a Chickasaw Festival tradition and is always celebrated during the festival and Annual meeting. The celebrations we had and the food we shared will be remembered for a lifetime.

STEVEN WOODS
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I also shared many personal moments this year as I was sworn in as a legislator for the Tishomingo District, Seat #3. I would like to personally thank all the Chickasaw Citizens who took the time to participate in all of the Tribal elections. The privilege to serve the Chickasaw people is such an honor and I do not take it lightly.

Part of the Festival, after being sworn in, is riding in the parade through town and seeing the faces of everyone in attendance. I especially enjoy meeting people that don't get to come to the Chickasaw Nation any other time of year. This is one of the greatest rewards of this job.

I also recently attended many of the community meetings throughout the Chickasaw Nation. I have enjoyed the fellowship with the Citizens along with the many ideas that have been discussed. One of these community meetings was held at Remington Park in OKC. The facilities there are so interesting. If you have not been there in a long time, you are in for a treat. It is not the Remington of old!

The time spent with my fellow Chickasaws throughout the Chickasaw Nation and country has been something that I cherish. Please continue to share your ideas, questions, and concerns.

Your Legislator,
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No matter where we meet with Community Councils, members make their connections to Oklahoma

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are looking forward to cooler weather with the fall season upon us. Fall brings so many beautiful and vibrant colors to our communities and it is a great time for family fun and gatherings.

I recently attended the Albuquerque Area Community Council picnic. A large crowd gathered to visit, share a meal, meet and make new friends and reminisce with old friends. The weather was beautiful and the picnic area had a breath taking view. As I visited with many of the council members, our worlds became smaller and smaller. When I asked where they were originally from or about their families back in Oklahoma, I am always amazed at the connection we all have as a tribe.

CONNIE BARKER
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Many left Oklahoma to find employment elsewhere, some families migrated west to work in the factories and shipyards during WWII and stayed in that area, but each one said the Oklahoma was their home. They shared stories and memories of visiting family in Oklahoma during their summer break as children. They would go home to "see Grandma" and laugh about how they would sleep outdoors, chase her chickens, help her pick vegetables from the garden and eat her home cooked meals. Almost all that I talked to say they learned about their Chickasaw heritage from a Grandparent. Some even talk about moving back to Oklahoma when they retire.

The next weekend I attended the Portland, Oregon Community Council and the theme was the same, making that connection to Chickasaws "back home." The Chickasaw Community Councils are such a great way to do that very thing, so if you live at large and have not joined your area community council; I encourage you to do so. It is a great way to learn about the programs, benefits, make new friends and meet other Chickasaws.

I hope to see you soon at your next council meeting.

God bless you,
Connie Barker, Pickens District Seat 2

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additional space for a variety of activities.

A new area office in Purcell is also being planned. Proposals include a large community hall, catering kitchen offices and a large conference room.

Preparation is also under way to enlarge the health clinic in Purcell.

Those who took part in the Vancouver meeting learned more about housing, health care, youth, aging and other available services. Information was also made available about obtaining a CDIB and the voter registration process.

Panola District Community Council meets quarterly, features presentation by Chickasaw Nation official

October is an exciting time of year! For Chickasaw citizens it signals an opportunity to gather and visit. Annual Meeting and Festival provides plenty of action. It is fun to see so many Chickasaws gathered at one time! If you have never attended our Tribe's big event, try to put this on your "bucket list" I try hard to see and visit with as many citizens as possible and catch up on their family news. This event would not be possible if it were not for the employees of the Chickasaw Nation. Not only do they work hard during Festival Week, but put in many hours planning and preparing for the event. I appreciate their hard work and their positive attitude and willingness to assist in making the Annual Meeting and Festival an enjoyable time.

BETH ALEXANDER
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Panola District Community Council meets quarterly in Achille, OK. Each meeting a representative from the Nation comes to share with the citizens. At our last meeting, Mr. Cody Reynolds was our guest speaker. He works at the Culture Center located in Sulphur, OK. and is the Senior Collections Specialist. His job includes managing Tribal archives and all photo documents. If you or your family has memorabilia that you would like to share with the Tribe, contact Cody to learn more on how to do that. Many citizens have shared their family artifacts and history. By doing so, it allows all of us to learn and enjoy the history of our people. Mr. Reynolds shared a brief timeline of our Tribal History and settling in Indian Territory before statehood. We always appreciate the speakers who come and share with us down here in the Panola District. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 1:30 pm at the community Center in Achille, Oklahoma. I hope to see you there!

(Get well wishes to those of you in the Panola District! You know how you are I am glad you are on the mend!)

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Proverbs 17:22

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Achille community council meeting with Mr. Cody Reynolds. From left, Katrinka Skinner Dolly Nichols Larry Skinner, Kay and Harold Anders, Barbara Beshirs and Mr. Reynolds.

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Chickasaw Nation operates on a fiscal year October 1 - September 30; make application soon for programs

Hello Everyone,

I hope you and yours are doing well. As I write this article, we are all excited about and busily preparing for the Chickasaw Festival. By the time this edition of *the Chickasaw Times* gets to you, though, the festival will have happened and hopefully will be a treasure of good memories for us all.

This bit of lag time reminds me of a seasonal issue about which I want to remind everyone.

KATIE CASE
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Nation government and its businesses adhere to a fiscal year schedule that is different from a calendar year. Rather than recognizing January 1 as the beginning of a year and December 31 as the end of a year, the Chickasaw Nation's fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30 each year.

This means that annual funding for programs and services generally begins October 1 and ends September 30.

Most programs and services have a limited amount of funds to be spent in a fiscal year and grant their resources to citizens on a first-come, first-served basis.

In other words, the early bird gets the worm!

Therefore, applications for programs and services have the best chance to be granted and funded in the upcoming or same fiscal year as they are submitted, if applications are completed and submitted on or before October 1, or as soon as possible after October 1.

What this means to individual Chickasaws is that you should, if at all possible, be applying now for programs and services you anticipate needing from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

For Chickasaws living inside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, watch your mailbox for the 2015 Programs & Services book. For Chickasaws living outside the boundaries of the Nation, watch for your Services @ Large book. Last year, both books were sent out by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Communications headed by Robyn Elliot.

Sometimes as we make applications for programs and services, we experience challenges. Should that happen to you, ask for help. Asking to speak to directors of the departments and secretaries of divisions is certainly acceptable in your effort to receive programs and services. Community Health Representatives and family members can also sometimes help with the red tape. Be persistent in your effort to access Chickasaw Nation programs and services.

The foremost purpose of any government is to help and serve its people. To that end, you can help the Chickasaw Nation to serve its foremost purpose by accessing and benefiting from programs and services.

Respectfully,
Katie

So much history to experience in the Chickasaw Nation at the many museums, exhibits and collections

Chukma!

Greetings from the Pickens District! As I write this, we are all anticipating the many activities of the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival. Our tribe has such a rich history that we can all be proud of. We have done an amazing job with our Cultural Center, allowing not only Chickasaws, but the community and many from across the country to learn about our past and present. It's also important for us to know the history of the communities in which we live. There are several museums within the Pickens District that are worth the visit.

SHANA HAMMOND
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In Duncan, you can visit the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center and the Stephens County Museum. The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center was built in 1997 to celebrate the men and women who rode the Trail, settled the area and who were stationed at nearby Ft. Sill and Ft. Arbuckle. The Stephens County Museum is located at an old National Guard Armory. It includes a display of American Indian heritage with an extensive arrowhead collection.

If you venture south to Ardmore, you will find the Greater Southwest Historical Museum. It features exhibits and programming that highlight the history and culture of south central Oklahoma along with a Military Memorial Museum. The centerpiece of the museum is the Sam Noble Hall, which contains exhibits that recreate turn of the century life. Featured in the main hall is the Eaves/Brady cabin built in 1893.

Finally, head about 20 miles south of Ardmore and you will find the Love County Pioneer Museum in Marietta. It is located in the former Santa Fe depot which was built in 1913. The museum exhibits early pioneer life in Love County as well as Civil War artillery.

It's nice to get away on vacation to a tropical destination, but if you only have a few days, take advantage of the local historical sites. We have so many great places to visit in our own backyard.

Your words are a flashlight to light the path ahead of me, and keep me from stumbling. ~Psalms 119:105

As our weather turns cold, important for our elders to remember to take advantage of utility assistance funds

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

Leaves are falling, the air is brisk and autumn is setting in.

As temperatures cool and winter months set in, utility bills can increase and place a burden on everyone, especially our honored elders; the people who help pave the way for our tribe's success.

The Chickasaw Nation offers several assistance programs to these citizens who live both inside and outside tribal boundaries to help combat high utilities bills and stay safe.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists individuals, who are income eligible, with home heating or cooling bills and/or energy assistance deposits for citizens who live in the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

The Emergency Energy Assistance Program helps Chickasaw citizens who may have an urgent need for assistance with a gas, propane, electric or water bill, or with utility deposits.

The Elderly Energy Assistance Program provides one-time assistance for winter heating bills and one-time assistance for summer cooling bills. This program is designed for our elder citizens.

For more information or for an application for any of these programs, contact any area office. Eight area offices are open to serve Chickasaw citizens in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Oklahoma City, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is my privilege and an honor to serve you.

Best wishes for a blessed autumn.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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Gov. Anoatubby visits Community Councils in Purcell and OKC to share plans for progress in those areas

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

I love this time of year. The nights are getting cooler, football has started and many great things are happening in the Chickasaw Nation. Governor Anoatubby, in conjunction with the Oklahoma City and Purcell Community councils, hosted two community dinners this month where he shared some exciting plans for both areas. Plans for Oklahoma City include a new senior center/community center, while there will be an expansion to the health clinic and a wellness center in Purcell. Our constant focus is to enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people, and by working together, we are making great progress.

Good things are also happening south of the Red River. The North Texas Community Council chaired by Sandra Williams had a cultural day for their meeting in September. They had booths featuring jewelry, art, leather and bead work, native flutes and family history. Richard Nash entertained everyone with his storytelling while weaving in flute music to enhance the stories. These councils are a great resource for information and a chance to fellowship. I encourage you to find a council in your area.

"Honor, Tradition, Courage – Our People" was the theme for the Annual Meeting and Festival and our Chickasaw people certainly exemplify those characteristics. It is always special spending time with good friends and meeting new ones. If you could not make it this year, please plan to attend next year. I want to thank everyone who worked the long hours needed to prepare and make the event so special. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.
Toby Perkins, Legislator
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North Texas Chickasaw Community Council members in traditional dress.

Visit Gov. Douglas Johnston's home at the Chickasaw White House during annual Harvest Fest on Oct. 11

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, Chinchokma Hello, how are you?

October is the perfect time to enjoy all that the Chickasaw Nation has to offer. For those Chickasaws living outside the Nation, Oklahoma Falls are the most beautiful time of year. The weather cools, but is still warm enough to spend time enjoying the sights and sounds of nature.

One of my favorite places to visit this time of year is the Chickasaw White House in Emet, OK. The Chickasaw White House was the home of Governor Douglas Johnston and his family, between the years of 1898 and 1939. Much history was made in the house during Governor Johnston's 36-year tenure as Chickasaw Governor.

"Douglas H. Johnston was born in Indian Territory in 1856. He was the very first governor to be appointed by the president of the United States in 1906. Johnston worked tirelessly for the Chickasaw Nation, making ratifications to the Atoka Agreement and constantly working to maintain tribal control of Chickasaw schools. The ratification to the Atoka Agreement allowed Chickasaws and Choctaws to review tribal citizenship cases that had been accepted by the Dawes Commission. Because of this agreement, the courts revoked nearly 4,000 fraudulent claims of citizenship, and saved the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes approximately $20 million. In 1924, Johnston and the Chickasaw tribe garnered permission to sue the federal government in the U.S. Court of Claims to reacquire funds the government illegally obtained from tribal resources. Governor Johnston believed in education for all tribal members in order to prepare them for the political, religious and social battles of life. He firmly believed that with a strong intellectual and moral training the Chickasaw people would thrive."

The Chickasaw White House and grounds have been restored to their original beauty and are open for tours on Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A great time to visit our Chickasaw White House will be on Saturday, October 11, for the Harvest Fest. Be sure to check out the website calendar for more information.

I hope you enjoy learning about our Nation's history as much as I do. It's important to know our history and pass it on to our children and grandchildren. We are very blessed to have so much information about our tribe at our fingertips. Just visit our website, www.Chickasaw.net, and see the link for Chickasaw TV. We also have many books, which can be obtained at the Chickasaw Press, on Chickasaw history. Hope to see you soon, and remember to let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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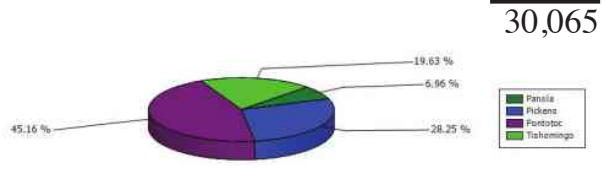
Count of Voters by District

Panola	2,094	Pontotoc	13,577
Pickens	8,493	Tishomingo	5,901
			30,065



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Chickasaw Community Councils growing across the country as citizens find a clearinghouse for information

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District.

It is football time in Oklahoma and the weather seems to think so too. We just had a cool snap that was the first real taste of autumn.

Four of us attended the annual Oklahoma City Community Council meeting with Governor Anoatubby on September 16. They now meet in a Catholic church in Del City. The church is a temporary meeting place and they are sure wanting a permanent home. I'm glad that the church is easier to get to than the old meeting place. The OKCC had just grown too large for the old meeting place which is good news! Everyone is also pleased with the growth of the Pontotoc and Purcell Community Councils also.

There are now 32 Community Councils across the U.S. and they all seem to be growing in size. Community Council meetings are an excellent place for Chickasaws to come together and gather information regarding available services from the Chickasaw Nation. Legislators attend as many Community Council meetings as they are able to.

The large Community Council in northern California is meeting at a picnic from noon to 5:00 on October 18 in Sacramento. They expect a membership of Chickasaws within a 200-mile radius to attend. They are calling their picnic Piomingo Day. They have asked for as many Legislators to attend as possible. It is one of my favorite meetings to attend. Legislators are invited to speak and then get to meet Chickasaws face to face to answer questions.

As usual, we have lots of activities planned for Chickasaw Festival week. There will be a full list on the web site and in *the Chickasaw Times*. We certainly hope to see you at the many activities!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

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News from Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department

CHOKMA,' CHINCHOKMA means "Hello, how are you?" The Judicial Department is doing very well. We had a wonderful time at the Annual Meeting. We were so glad to see our families, friends and new friends at the annual gathering. The Festival events and activities allowed us to spend time with our new friends and remember past annual meetings. This month is October so remember to watch out for the trick-or-treaters in your local neighborhoods!

One of the many questions asked of me as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is how much are the filing fees? My answer is it depends on what type of case you are filing. You can go to the Chickasaw Nation Code Section 5-103.18 and the filing fees are listed.

CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice Supreme Court

The Judicial Department is comprised of a District Court, Peacemaking Court and the Supreme Court. The District Court hears cases involving adoption, guardianship, civil, divorce, and protective orders, name change, juvenile, Foreign Service, criminal, paternity and child support. Many times citizens want to file a probate in our court system and we do not handle probate issues. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is a wonderful organization that can help answer many probate questions. To contact them call: (405) 943-6457 or toll free (in state only) 1-800-658-1497.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial System is very unique in that we are a pro se court but we also have court advocates available to assist you in filing your paperwork, provide directions on service of the papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case to the Court, prepare orders or final decrees necessary to finalize the matter and the legal process in the Chickasaw Nation. Pro se means advocating on one's own behalf before a court, rather than being represented by a lawyer. The Court Advocate does not represent you, go to Court with any party or provide legal advice, but will advise you how to proceed with your legal question. One thing is important to provide truthful and complete information to the advocates and you the party can present your case to the Judge.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at www.chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage. The link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

District News: August 2014 Court Statistics

- 57 New court cases filed
- 216 cases Heard in court
- 83 citizens were assisted by the court advocates

The District Court is currently looking for licensed attorneys in good standing admitted to the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association interested in court appointed work to assist our citizens. Please contact Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk, (580) 235-0279, if interested.

"Minti cha anchokkaalaa" which is "Come and visit" our Judicial Department building. We are pleased to be celebrating four years in our court building which houses both the District Court and the Supreme Court. The District Court currently has court on Tuesday and Thursdays of each week. We are proud to display only Chickasaw artists' work throughout the building. Any citizen interested in the court system and a tour of the court please contact Connie Tillery, Supreme Court Clerk, (580) 235-0281.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association will host its annual Winter CLE on December 2, 2014 at the fabulous Riverwind Casino Theatre Room. This year our current Chairperson Robin Rollins has put together a group of speakers that you will not want to miss. There will be presentations on Social Media Evidence, Trial Skills and Tactics, and Office management. In addition there will be updates with Indian Law, trauma evaluations for children in delinquent and deprived cases, and Technology and Legal Ethics.

This seminar is pending approval from the Oklahoma Bar Association for six credit hours, including one hour of legal ethics. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be included in your registration. For information on this CLE or any additional questions about the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association, please call Ginger Sanders at (580) 235-0279 or by email at Ginger.Sanders@chickasaw.net.

As many of you know, I have lived my entire life in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma. I am so very honored to also be raising my children in Sulphur. On September 8, 2014, Wes Hilliard fired up the computer-controlled aquatic attraction called a "splash pad" located on Woodruff Boulevard, Sulphur. About 30 kids gave the new splash pad a test run. If you have a chance, come to Sulphur and try out the new splash pad while the weather is still warm. AJ had a blast with all the water spouts!

On September 20, 2014, we had our Seeley Reunion at the Chickasaw National Recreational Area at the Black Sulphur Springs. We had about 28 family members show up. The men played "shoot the moon" and the women gathered and tried to solve all the world problems. We all had a great time and talked about the good ole days and laughed. We had a pot belly pig named "Tucker" that entertained the crowd. Thanks Joey and Ronda for bringing Tucker, you made AJ have the best reunion ever. The Seeley Reunion of 2014 was a great success.

Seeley Family Reunion

Beginning October 1, 2014, Mark Colbert will be serving as the Chief Justice of the Judicial Department. My past year of serving as your Chief Justice has gone by really fast. I have truly enjoyed serving the citizens. I am looking forward to this year as many changes will be occurring not only with the Court but also as my oldest son, Noah, completes his senior year and goes off to college.

It is my pleasure to report on a successful month of the Judicial Department.

CHIPISALA` CHO ANOWA means "Until I see you again." Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, please contact me I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.

Second Annual McSwain Gospel Celebration set for Oct. 25 featuring Master's Voice

ADA, Okla.- Jae L. Stilwell and the Crossover band will present the second annual McSwain Theatre Gospel Celebration with headlining group, Master's Voice of Bristow, Okla., and famous vocalist, Sherman Andrus of Oklahoma City.

Other special guests include the Chancel Choir from First United Methodist Church, A Servant's Heart, Injunuity, April Davis, Deborah Butcher, Ken Hancock, Tanner Smith, Brent Smith, Jeff Williams, all of Ada, as well as Vondi Harding of Pauls Valley.

Some of the most well-known gospel classics will be performed during a night of jubilee. The celebration begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25 at the McSwain Theatre, 130 W Main St in Ada, Okla.

Ticket prices are $15 for adults, $13 for senior citizens and $10 for children.

For ticket information the McSwain Theatre at (580) 332-8108 or go online at http://www.mcswaintheatre.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

Oklahoma Hospital Association recognizes Medical Center for employee flu vaccination

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center has been recognized for its high rate of employee influenza vaccination.

The Medical Center received a certificate of recognition recently from the Oklahoma Hospital Association. The hospital met Association's challenge of achieving a 92 percent or greater employee influenza vaccination rate for 2013-2014.

Influenza is a highly contagious disease that can spread before symptoms appear. Flu results in more than 150,000 hospital admissions and 24,000 deaths annually.

Hospitalized patients are particularly vulnerable to the dangers of influenza because their immune systems are often compromised by the illness that caused their hospital admission.

Vaccination of health care workers prevents illness and death in patients, along with reducing the influenza infections and absenteeism among workers.

The staff at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center works to ensure a safe environment for patients and employees through the vaccination program. The staff is committed to the patients and community by taking preventative measures to help prevent the spread of influenza during flu season.

CONTRIBUTED BY Amber Carey, Public Affairs.

Flu Clinic scheduled Oct. 28-Nov. 1

Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
Patient Flu Clinic

Location:

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Town Center (1st floor next to Okchamalis' Café)

Dates:

Oct. 28-31, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 1, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of this free service.

***You must be eligible for care at any of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Clinics to participate in this patient flu clinic.**

For questions about the upcoming patient flu clinic, call the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at (580) 436-3980, ext. 81401 or ext. 83262.

East Central University student Tiffany Postoak is welcomed to Washington, D.C. by U.S. Rep. Tom Cole. Both are citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

East Central student advocates for Chickasaw foster kids

ADA, Okla. – Tiffany Postoak has the heart, desire and passion to help foster children, particularly those within her own tribe of the Chickasaw Nation.

The East Central (OK) University legal studies and political science major from Tupelo (OK) High School, traveled to Washington, D.C. in mid-September as a National Child Awareness Month Ambassador.

Miss Postoak served as a community leader, learned the process of setting up a community service project and will raise public awareness and affect change.

Miss Postoak's choice for the fundraising project will be a youth T-ball tournament, for ages 4-6, next spring in the Ada area.

"I was very impressed with Tiffany Postoak," Oklahoma 4th District U.S. Rep. Tom Cole wrote in a Facebook post. "She is here as Oklahoma's Youth Ambassador for National Child Awareness Month and is currently leading a project called Chikasha To'ili (Chickasaw Baseball) to raise money for Chickasaw children placed in foster care. Many of the children placed leave the majority of their belongings behind, but the money raised through Tiffany's project helps provide clothing for these children in their new living environments."

Rep. Cole is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and has served Oklahomans in the U.S. Congress since 2003.

"The entry fee will be each player donating clothes or toys. So if you have 12 players on your team, the team of players can donate 12 outfits or 12 toys," Miss Postoak said. "Money can be donated also to benefit the Chickasaw foster care children."

With the collaboration of East Central legal studies and political science professor Dr. Christine Pappas, Miss Postoak came up with the idea and was motivated by a former National Child Awareness Ambassador from East Central, Loren Dunnam.

Miss Dunnam represented East Central and Oklahoma at the Washington event in 2012 and set up a project to collect clothing and supplies for the children of the Kiowa Tribe.

"I know that some foster children don't have many clothes," Miss Postoak said. "When you receive foster children, three or four pieces of clothing may come with them, but that's all. If there is something I can supply for these children I want to do it. I don't want them to think that the world has forgotten them."

Through a $1,000 grant from the Festival of Children Foundation, Miss Postoak received the all-expense paid, three-day leadership training on Capitol Hill. With this trip she had the opportunity to network with other NCAM Youth Ambassadors from across the country, have ongoing training and mobilization resources and have a platform to grow her service initiative.

This was Miss Postoak's second trip to Washington. She traveled there before with members of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Program for political science.

"I loved it and I'm excited to go back," she said prior to embarking on the trip.

TE ATA | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"State Treasure" in 1987.

Born in rural Johnston County in 1895, Te Ata lived to be almost 100 years old. She passed away in Oklahoma City in 1995.

Several film locations are set in Guthrie, Oklahoma, including interiors and exteriors of the Masonic Temple there. The structure is the largest building in the world dedicated exclusively to the freemasonry fraternity.

"Te Ata" filming also features the historic Chickasaw Nation Capitol located in Tishomingo. The pink native granite, two-story structure, was completed in 1898 by the Chickasaw Nation. It was the seat of Chickasaw government from 1898 until statehood in 1907. Because of its historic significance and unique architecture, the Capitol was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

While the Chickasaw National Capitol Building is no longer used for government business, the first and second floors of the Capitol now house exhibit space. The largest exhibit room focuses on Chickasaw government history from 1856 to 1907. Gov. Johnston's office and the National Secretary's vault have been recreated to look as they did in 1898.

Rural settings have been filmed along Pennington Creek, a location of historic significance to the Chickasaw people near Tishomingo. The tribe gathered at the aquifer-fed stream for meetings and gatherings after relocated to Oklahoma along the Trail of Tears in 1837.

It is the second movie endeavor of the Chickasaw Nation. "Pearl," a film about Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw who became a famed teenage aviator under the tutelage of Wiley Post, was completed in 2010.

Filming of "Te Ata" is scheduled to be complete by mid-October.

Evidence searches, homicide investigations

Lighthorse officers expand training with scuba certification

Patrolman Daniel Cloud prepares diving equipment for certification.

Lighthorse Sgt. Dusk Monetathchi, center, receives help lifting a heavy air tank into the pontoon boat from Sgt. Adam Lawson, left, and Captain Vincent Walters.

SULPHUR, Okla. – Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Sgt. Adam Lawson and Patrolman Daniel Cloud earned scuba certifications at Lake Arbuckle Sept. 5. According to dive team instructor Captain Vincent Walters, to be a certified dive team member is not an easy feat.

Officers go through rigorous training before earning certification. Trainees must complete 14 hours of classroom training, 17 hours of practical application, and have at least five open water dives. Mental and physical condition are also assessed.

The certification tests are conducted at Lake Arbuckle, Lake Murray and Lake Tenkiller.

According to Capt. Walters, a large part of the certification is physical fitness.

"In all the dive books, the physical is a very important part," he said. "If you are out of shape, you will be using more oxygen. You will not be able to stay down for long periods of time. You have to be able to hold your breath and be able to swim at least 50 feet without push-off under water."

After a dive team member is certified, an even more demanding training takes place. Capt. Walters provides training on navigating underwater, visibility underwater and operating equipment underwater. Diving in Oklahoma ponds is especially challenging.

"It's almost like falling in a tunnel," Capt. Walters said. "The light gets completely blocked out."

The Lighthorse Dive team was established in 2007. Capt. Walters began scuba diving in the early 1980s, but his interest in it was sparked again when he noticed a direct link between scuba diving and criminal investigations.

"You have to treat any dive situation like a crime scene," he said. "It's just in water."

Currently, there are five dive team members who search for stolen vehicles and weapons, and assist with homicide investigations.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.

Gov. Anoatubby, Justice Sotomayor at OU

Gov. Bill Anoatubby met with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor during the Justice's recent appearance at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Justice Sotomayor spoke to the assembly on the rule of law and the importance of moral courage in keeping our constitutional system vital.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

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Tribal business revenues show 8% ytd increase

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2014

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $14.4 million for the month and $142.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $13.73 million for the month and $113.47 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through August totaled $1.167 billion. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $286,117,648 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2014, the tribal government funds had $267.44 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $21.87 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $238.8 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2014, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.81 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2014

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	15,263,324	1,167,452,582	1,182,715,906
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		142,572,756	(142,572,756)	-
Total funds available		157,836,080	1,024,879,826	1,182,715,906
Expenditures				
General government		5,322,017	-	5,322,017
Legislature		2,565,426	-	2,565,426
Judiciary		1,116,768	-	1,116,768
Education		22,227,683	-	22,227,683
Heritage Preservation		16,431,813	-	16,431,813
Health		18,933,280	-	18,933,280
Youth Services		4,759,784	-	4,759,784
Family Services		8,271,457	-	8,271,457
Nutrition Programs		6,093,987	-	6,093,987
Regulatory		8,963,436	-	8,963,436
Assistance Programs		18,784,827	-	18,784,827
Gaming expense		-	661,268,498	661,268,498
Other businesses' expense		-	220,066,435	220,066,435
Total expenditures		113,470,477	881,334,933	994,805,411
Increase in net assets		44,365,603	143,544,892	187,910,495
Beginning net assets		697,884,311	922,218,076	1,620,102,387
Ending net assets	$	742,249,914	1,065,762,968	1,808,012,882

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
August 31,2014

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	267,446,084	238,823,611	506,269,694
Receivables		22,668,692	85,013,811	107,682,503
Inventory		51,859	8,674,269	8,726,129
Prepaid expenses		-	16,131,240	16,131,240
Other Assets		-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed assets		454,600,011	862,315,119	1,316,915,130
Less payables		(2,516,732)	(146,273,221)	(148,789,953)
Net Assets	$	742,249,914	1,065,762,968	1,808,012,882

Chickasaw students enjoy special experience at OU Chickasaw Youth Day

NORMAN, Okla. - On Saturday, Aug. 30, more than 70 Chickasaw students were in attendance as the University of Oklahoma Sooners were victorious over the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

Before witnessing the decisive 46-16 victory, Governor Bill Anoatubby joined the youth for a pregame barbecue lunch at the Duck Pond just outside Gaylord Memorial Stadium.

Pregame festivities also provided the students the unique opportunity to spend time on the Owen Field turf. Students tossed the pigskin, took part in a few impromptu footraces and met "Boomer" the horse.

"The University of Oklahoma has continually been generous toward our Chickasaw students, and this year was no exception," director of youth activities Tonya Bierce said. "The opportunity to step onto the OU field as part of pregame activities gave the students a new perspective and lasting memories.

Culminating the pregame activities, former Sooner running back and 1978 Heisman recipient Billy Sims welcomed students and spoke about his life and career, emphasizing the importance of academic achievement.

Students also received signed posters from Mr. Sims and made spirit signs to show their support for the Sooners.

CONTRIBUTED BY Miranda Elliott, Public Affairs.

Left photo, Gov. Bill Anoatubby receives a poster commemorating Chickasaw Youth Day at halftime of the University of Oklahoma-Louisiana Teach football game Aug. 30 at Gaylord Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla. Chickasaw Youth Day is an annual event that provides opportunity for Chickasaw students to attend an OU game and meet with OU athletes. Presenting the poster to Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Board of Regents member Tom Clark; OU President David Boren; and OU Athletic Director Joe Castiglione. Right photo, the Chickasaw Nation is recognized on the OU scoreboard for the tribe's participation as an associate game sponsor.

Chickasaw Nation, AT&T Oklahoma partner for 'It Can Wait,' end texting and driving

Governor Bill Anaotubby and AT&T Oklahoma president Steve Hahn.

ADA, Okla. – Texting and driving is akin to drinking and driving as far as safety is concerned.

There is one major difference, according to AT&T Oklahoma president Chris Johnson. Societal mores have deemed drinking and driving unacceptable. Texting and driving – although statistics reveal is just as deadly – receives a shrug from today's always-online public.

The Chickasaw Nation is stepping forward and proclaiming texting and driving unacceptable. The tribe partnered with AT&T's "It Can Wait" campaign on Sept. 22.

Gov. Anoatubby offered his full support for the initiative.

"Our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people is important," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Many of us travel around the state serving Chickasaw citizens and attending events. That combination makes it tempting to answer our messages on the go, but it really can wait.

"Your family cares about you. We want you to return home safely. It is time for all of us to do our part to prevent the kind of tragedy that can result from distracted driving."

Mr. Hahn also spoke briefly during the event kicking off the collaborative effort.

"These days, anyone 16 years old and up likely has two things: a cell phone and a driver's license. Those two things don't mix," he said. "Technology makes our lives easier in so many ways, but we want to make sure people are using that technology safely.

"Our goal is education, awareness and ultimately, a change in behavior. Our partners, Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation, are helping us get the job done, and that's a great thing."

Many of the Chickasaw Nation's Ada area employees experienced the danger of texting and driving firsthand.

"We have given this test to thousands and thousands and thousands of people," Mr. Johnson said as Chickasaw Nation employees settled into a driver's cockpit in front of a screen simulating driving conditions on a busy city street. "Almost all fail."

In fact, most fail miserably. But in this situation you can "die" laughing, or drive so quickly or slowly as to be "saved" by the police who pull you over before you collide with another vehicle.

The idea is for you to navigate the city street while carrying on a texting conversation. It isn't easy to perform the task safely. Therein is the lesson.

"We hope to show people it can't be done safely, Mr. Johnson said.

"Most (people) also believe they can have a telephone conversation and be totally in control. They can't."

Texting While Driving Causes:

· 1.6 million accidents per year – National Safety Council

· 330,000 injuries per year – Harvard Center for Risk Analysis Study

· 11 teen deaths every day – Insurance Institute for Hwy Safety Fatality Facts

Nearly 25 percent of all car accidents

Texting While Driving Is:

· About 6 times more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated

· The same as driving after 4 beers – National Highway Transportation Safety Administration

· The number one driving distraction reported by teen drivers

Texting While Driving:

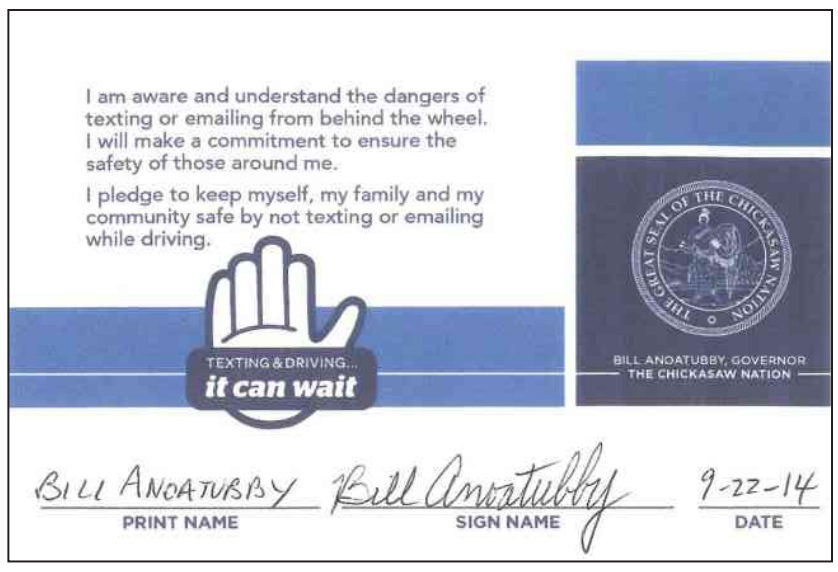
· Makes you 23 times more likely to crash – National Highway Transportation Safety Administration

· Is the same as driving blind for 5 seconds at a time – Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

· Takes place by 800,000 drivers at any given time across the country

· Slows your brake reaction speed by 18 percent – Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

· Leads to a 400 percent increase with eyes off the road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Connie Barker named tribal diabetes committee chairman

Connie Barker

Connie Barker, a Chickasaw tribal legislator representing Pickens District, has been elected chairman of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

"I am honored to serve as chairman of the committee, and to lead the way in advocating for the essential Special Diabetes Program for Indians," Mrs. Barker said. "It is absolutely critical Indian people are provided wide-ranging and effective programs to combat diabetes."

Mrs. Barker has served on the committee since 2009, and was elected co-chairman in 2013. She has been a Pickens District legislator since 2008.

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee is a tribal advisory committee to the U.S. Indian Health Service. The committee's mission is to ensure the long-term viability of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It makes recommendations to establish policy and advocacy priorities related to Indian diabetes and related chronic diseases.

The committee is made up of Indian leaders from across the U.S.

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians was established in 1997 by the U.S. Congress in response to the growth of the disease among Indians. The program is set up as a $150 million annual grant that is used for diabetes treatment and prevention to 404 IHS, tribal and urban Indian health programs across the country.

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Savannah Burwell
Chickasaw Princess

Chokma! Chinchokma? Anchokma. Saholhcifoat Savannah Burwell. Hello. How are you? I am fine. My name is Savannah Burwell and I am your 2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess. I would like to thank our visiting royalty, friends and family for coming tonight.

I remember this time last year, I was standing on this stage waiting to hear who would be crowned the next Chickasaw Princess. I remember feeling shocked, excited and nervous all at the same time. Now, here I am, passing my crown on and wondering where the time went.

I have learned so much about myself, our history and culture in this short year. It has opened new chapters in my life, chapters I will never close as I seek and learn more about the rich history of our Chickasaw people. Prior to becoming Princess, I was aware of our culture but it seemed my view was from a distance. Since wearing the crown, tonight I feel I am woven into the fabric of our Chickasaw family. Tonight, I can see the importance of our language and I can see the importance of our songs and dances. Tonight, I see more clearly the sacrifices and the hardships endured by our elders. It is this foundation of old that continues to keep our people strong today. And, finally, I see how important my role…….OUR role as Chickasaw people, is to keep our culture vibrant and strong.

This year has been incredible! So many memories I have as your Chickasaw Princess. Being part of the grand entry at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque. The pride we all felt as Native people coming together as one. I enjoyed dancing with the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe at the Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial in New Mexico. I can still hear the voices of the people yelling for us to, "Dance! Dance! Dance!" I met so many people and shook so many hands. New friendships were made and I will always remember the children running up to meet me. I will forever see those smiling faces.

I will always remember having the opportunity to be on an episode of Chickasaw TV with Quin Tran. I was so nervous but Quin assured me I had done a good job. I still had my reservations, though. So, thank you, Quin, for your patience and understanding.

These cherished memories would not be possible without a lot of people so please bear with me because I have many "thank you's."

First I have to thank Chihoowahma, God our Father, because He continues to bless me with amazing opportunities and has given me a great life. Without Him, none of this would be possible. As our people say, "Chihoowa Ayukpachi Moma!" All praise to God!

I would like to thank Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel for their leadership and being great role models. We are so blessed to be part of a tribe who takes great care of its people. The motivational speaker John Maxwell stated, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and SHOWS the way. So I say, "Chokma'shki Thank you, Governor, for showing our people the way.

Faithlynn and Jaycee: Thank you for making this year memorable! I will definitely miss traveling with you guys. You two are like my sisters and I am glad I had the opportunity to meet both of you. Continue to follow your dreams and remember you can do all things through Christ which strengtheneths you.

Mary: Thank you for all you did for us this year. You have a huge responsibility as the princess coordinator and you were always patient with us. Thank you for always being there and making us feel special!

To my family: Thank you for being my biggest fans. I loved when you were able to attend an event with me. It made these experiences much more special.

To my cousin Amber: Thank you for being my personal assistant. You always made sure my hair looked good, carried my crown box and always kept the lip gloss in your purse.

I would like to thank Haskell Alexander, Winn Harjo and Tim Harjo for helping me with my talent last year. I literally could not have done it without you guys. Thank you for giving me confidence and believing in me…….. and keeping my dad calm.

Even though my Mee Maw, uncle Farron Cully and my aunt Mattie are no longer with us, I know they would be proud of my accomplishment and they are watching over me every day.

Devlon: Thank you for being here this entire year and for always staying positive. I'm not always the easiest person to put up with but you've never left or complained even when I had my "princess" moments. Your support means everything to me.

Mom: One day I was going through my Chickasaw Language book and I came across this sentence. "Kanahookya ihoo yamma ihollo", which means, "Everyone loves that woman". When other people talk to me about you, they always say, "She's just great, isn't she?" I would have to agree with them. I'm so thankful you were able to be at some of my events and those are moments I will cherish forever. I could say thank you all day but it still would not measure up to everything you have done for me. You're the type of mom that does the little things for me: surprising me with paydays, gummies or fortune cookies. It's the little things that mean the most. I know I forget to say it but I want you to know I appreciate all you do for me. You're the hardest working woman I know and I love that you won't quit until the job is done.

Dad: I wouldn't be up here right now if it wasn't for you. You were on top of everything; always asking what I needed and then you would have it within a couple of days. You made me practice on days I didn't want to and I thank you for that because it paid off. I thank you for always motivating me to want to be a better person. Culturally, you've influenced me so much and I hope to follow in your footsteps. I wouldn't have made it through this year without you. Yes, it was a fun year but it was also one of the most stressful times of my life. Going to school, working and being a princess isn't a walk in the park. There were days when the stress would get to me and it's liked you sensed it and you would text me saying, "take it one day a time. You can do it." You give me confidence when I don't have it in myself. I remember months before the pageant you would text me saying, "My daughter is the next Chickasaw princess! I believe it, do you?" I thank you for my being my rock and my best friend. You always say, "I'm proud to be Savannah's dad!" I always love when you say that but tonight I'm proud to be Jason's daughter. Chiholili sah Inki'

Faithlyn Seawright
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chukma! Faithlyn Seawright saya! I am honored to be your 2013-2014 Chickasaw Junior Princess.

Although I'm saddened to be ending my wonderful year as an Ambassador for our unconquered and unconquerable tribe, I end it with heartfelt memories.

I've had a blast attending the many events along with my Princess sisters. Savannah and Jacee, it was my pleasure serving our tribe with you, whether it was performing the Lords' Prayer or attending a Princess pageant. We had fun and I thank you for your lasting friendships.

At this time last year, many people encouraged me to run for Chickasaw Junior Princess. I admit that I'd been wanting to run for several years but lacked self-confidence. I didn't feel that I "fit the mold"…I didn't dance nor sing and had no idea what I would do for talent. Because I love to draw, my mother encouraged me to display my art. Others offered creative tips and I was able to showcase my passion for art. Thank you to Eric Hardison, Brent Greenwood and Steve Jacob for your inspiration, advice, and tips because that is something I will use throughout my art career.

So I encourage young Chickasaw ladies to enter our Princess pageants. We all have talents and you will love the experience and friendships that you make. Mary Hartley is a caring Coordinator and Mary, I thank you for taking care of me this past year. I enjoyed our time together and I appreciate your kindness.

To Couita Nucosee and Nicole Schultz, thank you for helping me to get over being nervous and for always cheering me on. You two are awesome!

Of course I thank my mom, dad and sister Ke-Ke. You're my biggest supporters…Chi hullo li!

Thank you Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel for supporting the Princess program. You give us young Chickasaw ladies a great opportunity to serve our tribe and I am grateful for this opportunity.

And finally I thank you, the Chickasaw people. It is very humbling to be your Chickasaw Junior Princess and I cherished every moment of representing you at events.

I leave you with Chi Pisa La Cho. I end my reign with appreciation and gratitude to you…. Yakoke and may God bless you!

Faithlyn Seawright

2013-2014 Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Jacee Grace Underwood
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chokma,

My time as Little Miss Chickasaw has been a memorable experience. During this time I've been to many different places and met many different people and many other tribes. My experiences reminded me of the lyrics of a song I heard and I told myself that's what I'm going to do this year. The lyrics go "I've been a thousand places, shook a million hands." As ambassador to our nation, I felt like this was a goal, to represent the tribe by meeting as many people as I could and shaking their hand.

I'm going to miss my new sisters. Me being the only girl with two brothers, I am proud to call these girls my sisters. I'm going to miss Mary. She always made sure we were dressed and ready and had fun…….and fed. It would not have been a pretty site for us going to places on an empty tummy. We ate McDonalds so much that Mary eventually banned us from there. So we banned her from Chik-fil-a. We all had fun together. One time Mary made us go down with her to eat breakfast in our pajamas at the hotel in Albuquerque because we wouldn't wake up. Another fun time was when Savannah and I rode carnival rides at the Choctaw Indian Fair in Choctaw, Mississippi. She felt like a big sister hanging on to me while I was sliding around because I couldn't hold on. And another memory was when Faithlyn and I took chocolate off the top of cheesecakes at the JOM Conference in Tulsa. We both agreed to do it for the chocolate!

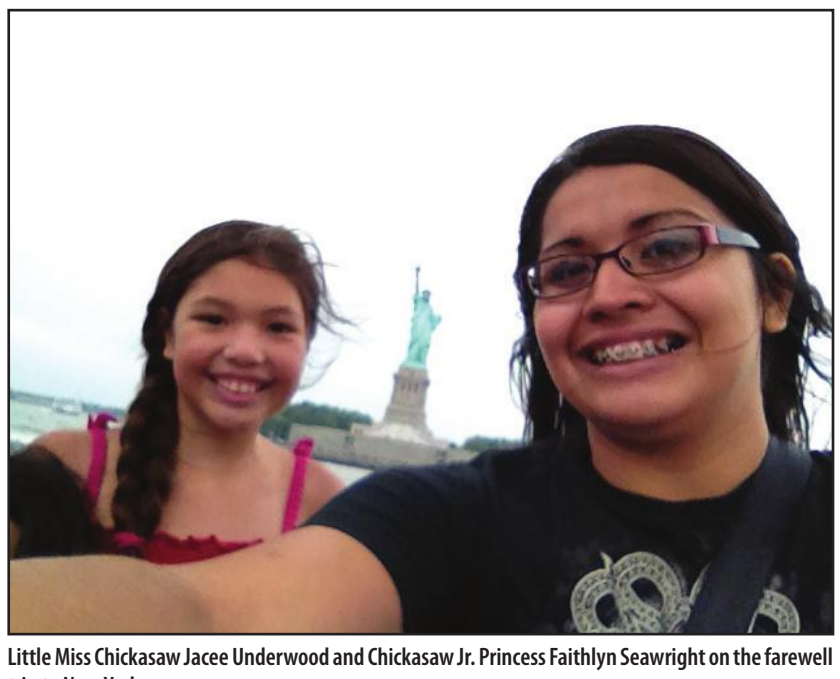
I would like to thank everyone for their support before and during my reign. Thanks to my big brother for helping me with my talent and being my unofficial body guard. Thanks to my aunt Jeri for helping me fix my hair on those days when momma was at work and when daddy couldn't. And to Mema, Papa and Ninny for being my biggest fans and supporters. A big thanks to my parents for their encouragement and belief in me that I could and will be a great princess.

I would like to wish good luck to my new sisters. Faithlyn, you are very talented and wish you the best in the future. Savannah, I wish you the best of luck in school. You both are great role models. And" Maryilyn," keep an eye on those tires. And good luck to the future princesses. I hope you enjoy your reign as much as I did mine.

Chokmashki.

Jacee Grace Underwood

2013-2014 Little Miss Chickasaw



Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood and Chickasaw Jr. Princess Faithlyn Seawright on the farewell trip to New York.

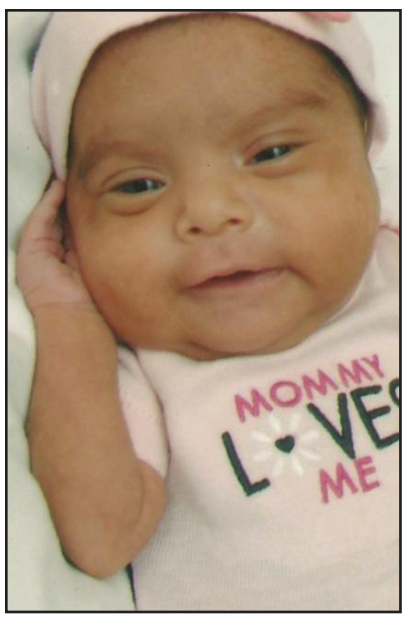
BIRTHS

Slayte "Maverick" Nugier

Slayte "Maverick" Nugier was born July 27, 2014 at 5:11 p.m. to Slayte and Jessalyn "Bud" Nugier.

He weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 20 and 1/2 inches long.

He is the grandson of Michael and Peggy Qualls and the great-grandson of the late Farris and Juanita Qualls.



Serenity Faith Wisdom

Serenity Faith Wisdom was born July 8, 2014 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City.

She weighed 3lbs., 6 oz., and measured 15 3/4 inches at birth.

She is welcomed by a brother, Gage Lee Ground.

She is the daughter of Candice Wisdom. She is the granddaughter of Noah Wisdom, Jr., and Louise Shields. She is the great-granddaugther of Lillie Wisdom, the late Noah Wisdom and the late Minnie and Joseph Shields.

Uncles are Jay Wisdom and Kevin Wisdom and cousin is Kanan Wisdom.

Makinlee Rose Bailey

Makinlee Rose Bailey was born September 22, 2014 to Vasante Bailey, of Los Angeles, California. Makinlee is the granddaughter of Raydell Brown, of Marietta, Oklahoma and Crystal King Bailey, of Long Beach, California.

She is the granddaughter of the late Otto and Lillie (Martin) Brown and Pearl King.

BIRTHDAY

Emma Louise Jacome

Emma will turn four years old on October 19, 2014.

Emma's family and friends will help her celebrate her fourth birthday October 25 in Missouri.

Emma is the daughter of Joaquin and Jessica Jacome and Big sister to Julian Jacome, of Nixa Missouri.

She is the grandaughter of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore Oklahoma, and Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville Missouri.

She is the great-grandaughter of Kenneth and Juanita Evans, of Stroud, Oklahoma, Pauline Saunders, of Bethany, Oklahoma, and Melvin and Kathleen Stoner, of Duncan, Oklahoma.

Happy Fourth Birthday Baby Girl!

We Love You Very Much!

Beatrice M. Holcomb Baker

Beatrice M. Holcomb Baker turned 90 years old September 16, 2014.

She was born Sept. 16, 1924 to Plez H. Holcomb and Hazel Anderson Holcomb.

She has three daughters Judy Tucke, of Jamison, Oregon, Darlene Adams, of Ontario, Oregon and Jo Ann Edwards, of Payette Idaho. She has 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 13 great -great-grandchildren.

Rana Smith

Rana Smith tabbed for county treasurers' post

A Chickasaw citizen has recently been elected to lead a statewide association.

Rana Smith was elected president of the County Treasurers Association of Oklahoma. Ms. Smith is the County Treasurer serving Johnston County, whose county seat is Tishomingo.

She has previously served as association district director, treasurer and vice president.

The association works closely with state legislators on legislation relating to offices of county treasurer. It also leads the way in education regarding the offices of county treasurer among members, legislators and the general public.

In addition to her new office, Ms. Smith will serve on the executive board of the County Officers and Deputies Association.

"Being elected to serve as president of the County Treasurers Association of Oklahoma is an honor," Ms. Smith said. "Serving on the executive board has allowed me to bring ideas to the table from the perspective of a rural Oklahoma county. I look forward to serving as president and plan on putting my best effort into serving Johnston County well throughout my term."

Proud Chickasaw

Payton Lynn Hampton

Payton Lynn Hampton is the six-month old daughter of William and Kayla Hampton. Kayla is very proud of her Chickasaw heritage that she is learning from her great-grandmother Pearline Baumann. Payton is being raised a proud Chickasaw.

Jesicah Gilmore, MD

Dr. Jesicah Gilmore joins staff of Tulsa clinic

A Chickasaw physician has recently joined the staff of a Tulsa clinic.

Jesicah Gilmore, MD is a family practice physician with the Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc. She provides health care for all ages, from newborn to elders, including first and second trimester prenatal care. Her special interests include women's health, diabetes, obesity and geriatrics.

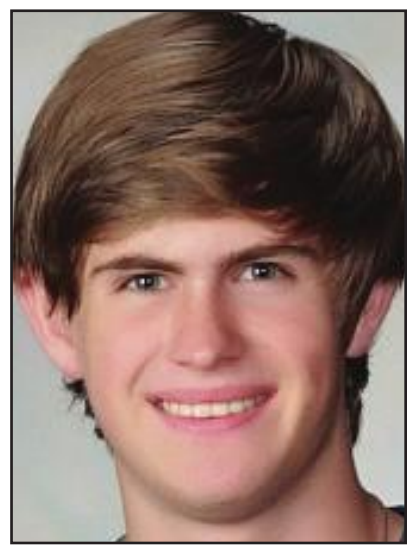
Dr. Gilmore is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and is licensed through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

She earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Tulsa.

Dr. Gilmore has a passion for serving the Indian community.

"My parents are physicians and when I was growing up we lived in various places while they were working for the IHS," Dr. Gilmore said. "Those places included the Navajo reservation in Shiprock, N.M., and the Havasu reservation in the Grand Canyon. I have witnessed the great need there is for quality medical care for the Native population and have felt very driven to meet that need."

The Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc., provides quality care to Tulsa-area Indian patients in a culturally sensitive manner that promotes good health, well-being and harmony.



Caleb Carter

Chickasaw senior named National Merit Semifinalist

A Chickasaw high school senior has recently been named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

Caleb Carter is a senior at Abilene (TX) High School. He was named a 2015 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist following his performances on the National Merit Qualifying Test and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The National Merit Scholarship program is a nationwide competition that seeks the very best American high school students. By qualifying as a semifinalist, he is among the top one percent of high school students. He will now compete for a spot as National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

Caleb has also been named a National AP Scholar by the College Board. He attained the ranking by scores on a series of eight AP (Advanced Placement) tests.

He has applied to the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. His plans are to earn a degree in economics with a concentration in finance and minor in physics.

Caleb is the son of Troy and Kathy Carter, of Abilene. He is the grandson of Gayle Wilson Black, of Amarillo, Texas; the great-grandson of Maxine Cockrell Wilson; the great-great-grandson of Lula May Land Cockrell, an original enrollee; and the great-great-great-grandson of Marilda Folsom Land, also an original enrollee.

Math, science program now open

Chickasaw high school students in ninth grade and above are encouraged to apply for a unique residential mathematics and science program.

The (MS)2 program cultivates math and science abilities among Indian high school students. The summer program runs from June 29 to August 2, 2015 on the campus of Oklahoma's Phillips University.

The program challenges students intellectually and exposes them to peers and educators with diverse backgrounds. This competitive and rigorous program is free of charge to all students selected.

Applications to (MS)2 are due by November 20, 2014. To apply, visit www.andover.edu/SummerSessionOutreach/MathScience for more information and application materials.

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Chickasaw student reporter earns Native journalism fellowship

Sarah Jones, right, Pauly Denetclaw, left, and mentor Mark Fogarty.

NATIVE VOI
Native American Journalists Association
Native American Journalists Association:
BY SARAH K. JONES
NATIVE VOICE
Loren Tapahe vividly remembers the first Native American Journalists Association meeting in 1984 at Penn State University. Tapahe, one of the founders of NAJA, remembers the goals the original 30 members put into place and now, 30 years later, he can see how much has been accomplished since then—and what has yet to be achieved.
"We needed to create an organization that fostered young people to get into journalism, also to develop
Now, three decades later, more than 300 people gather in Santa Clara, California for the group's 30th annual conference. NAJA offers scholarships to its students and has distinguished mentoring programs like Project Phoenix and Native Voices. The organization continues to expand. This year NAJA launched a yearlong mentoring program for 10 promising student journalists.
"We needed to gain a voice, not only in Indian Country, but throughout the country," Tapahe, Navajo, said. "We needed to develop an organization that was respected by other journalists themselves so they could see that Native journalists were just as capable of writing breaking story as anybody else."

The students produced and distributed a newspaper to attendees at the NAJA conference.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizen and KCNP radio correspondent Sarah Jones was given a unique opportunity this summer to develop her skills as a multimedia journalist. Ms. Jones, a senior at East Central University, was among 10 college students selected to take part in a pilot program Native American Journalism Fellowship.

Ms. Jones is a part-time reporter and announcer for the Chickasaw Nation's community radio station KCNP, which broadcasts from Ada. Her duties include producing public affairs pieces and serving as on-air talent for the station.

Ms. Jones admitted she was little nervous when she first heard she was selected for the fellowship. This was to be her first professional conference and she wasn't sure what to expect.

The yearlong fellowship provides Native American students opportunities to gain experience in journalism and access to mentors. The program is a joint partnership between the Native American Journalists Association, the Newseum Institute and the University of Montana School of Journalism.

Ms. Jones' fellowship experience started at the 2014 National Native Media Conference in Santa Clara, California. The students participated in the conference as part of NAJA's Native Voices program.

Students arrived before the conference to attend three days of training. The students learned the basics of print, radio, video and online news production. The training prepared the students for the hands-on portion of their instruction. During the conference, students wrote stories covering the event and produced multimedia packages for the Native Voice website.

"It was neat because everyone wanted to be there," Ms. Jones said. "It was cool to be around other people who want to be a journalist as much as I do."

For Ms. Jones, the experience was a challenge but also reaffirmed her desire to pursue a career in mass media. The students had tight deadlines and produced multiple stories. However, the workload didn't bother her and she surprised herself about how well she handled the stress of the newsroom.

"The best thing for me was getting through the deadlines and knowing I could get through it. The experience gave me confidence as a journalist," Ms. Jones said.

Ms. Jones had another experience at the conference that gave her confidence in her skills as a reporter. At the end of the NAJA conference, her feature profile of Chickasaw mixed martial arts fighter Jussely Canada was awarded second place in the student radio category.

What's next

Fellowship students will continue learning through a series of webinars designed to improve their journalism skills. The students will also have access to their mentor throughout the year to help them with technical or career advice.

This year's fellowship students will end their year at the 2015 NAJA conference and will serve as a senior staffer for the next class of students.

Ms. Jones plans to finish her undergraduate degree next year and continue to work at KCNP. She is considering a graduate degree in journalism in the future.

More information and the 2014 Native Voices student stories are available at http://nativevoice.naja.com.

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Robb graduates Texas Tech with degree in public relations

Mary Ellizabeth Robb

Mary Elizabeth Carve Robb graduated from Texas Tech University, Lubbock May 17, 2014.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in public relations. She is now employed at an advertising agency in Dallas.

Her Chickasw lineage is from her great-great-grandfather, William Granville Strickland.

Dear Chickasaw People,

I and my family would like to thank you for the help we have received and are receiving from the tribe. We are very proud to be Chickasw.

Mrs. Kay Irene Ellerbe

Chickasaw attorney enters race for Carter County associate district judge

Brett Morton

A Chickasaw attorney has recently announced his candidacy for a judgeship within the Chickasaw Nation.

Brett Morton, of Ardmore, Okla., is a candidate for Carter County associate district judge. He is seeking the seat that will be open following the retirement of longtime Associate District Judge Lee Card.

Mr. Morton is a practicing attorney in Ardmore. He has been active in both civil and criminal litigation. He is licensed to practice law in the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Eastern and Western District federal courts of Oklahoma.

"I feel that the wide range of cases I have handled has prepared me to serve this county as its next associate district judge," Mr. Morton said. "As associate district judge, the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary will be my top priority."

Mr. Morton and his wife, Erika, have two children, Elizabeth and Cooper. Mr. Morton is an active member of Northwest Baptist Church and is involved with several area non-profit organizations.

For more information, visit www.vogte4brett.com

'Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness' exhibit at Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. – "Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness" is a traveling exhibition examining health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

The exhibit is on display through Oct. 24 at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios in Sulphur. The connections among wellness, illness and cultural life are explored through interviews, artwork and interactive media.

"Native Voices" also demonstrates how Indian people throughout the United States enhance their wellness through traditional and Western healing practices.

The Chickasaw Nation was one of four locations throughout the U.S. chosen to host this traveling exhibition. The other three traveling exhibitions appear in North Dakota, Hawaii and Alaska.

A permanent version of the exhibit is currently on display at the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

The "Native Voices" exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040, visit www.chickasaw.net/nativevoices.

Chickasaw citizen Traci Morris named American Indian Policy Institute Director

Traci Morris

TEMPE, Ariz. – Chickasaw scholar Traci Morris, a nationally-recognized tribal communications leader and expert, has been selected to lead the American Indian Policy Institute (AIPI).

Dr. Morris has been named director of AIPI at Arizona State University.

The American Indian Policy Institute at ASU collaborates with and empowers tribal governments and Native American entities by providing policy analysis, technical assistance, training and certification; and facilitating participatory research benefiting tribal communities nationwide.

As AIPI director, Dr. Morris will oversee AIPI operations and programs such as education courses for tribal managers and tribal financial managers.

"We are pleased to learn of Dr. Traci Morris' appointment to the American Indian Policy Institute directorship," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "She is well-qualified to serve in that capacity as proven by her exceptional career. We expect Dr. Morris to use her experience to positively engage the American Indian Policy Institute with Indian Country to build its capacity and further the efforts of tribal self-determination."

Dr. Morris will focus on developing AIPI's entrepreneurial innovations academic courses into a nationwide offering and continuing the organization's engagement in proactive policy analysis for Indian Country leaders, with special expertise in broadband connectivity on tribal lands and all that entails.

"We also have research in progress on Tribal Census data and broadband connectivity in Indian Country," Dr. Morris said.

Dr. Morris, whose professional work encompasses all areas of Native American art and media, from the auditory to the visual to the digital realm, said she was honored to accept her new duties as AIPI director.

"It is an honor to join the visionary team at the American Indian Policy Institute at Arizona State University," she said. "As director, I look forward to working cooperatively with Indian Country leaders and policy makers to further tribal self-determination goals. From the traditional to the technological, our team will build on the great work of the past and create new policy pathways to remain on the forefront of strategic storytelling."

Dr. Morris, who coauthored a recent study "Digital Inclusion in Indian Country: The Role of Tribal Libraries," has experience working on the national, regional and local level with Native nations, the federal government and tribal businesses and entities.

She is an expert on tribal broadband who has taught college courses, authored books and articles, presented numerous professional papers, written curriculum on Native American new media and advocated for digital inclusion at the Federal Communications Commission and on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Morris maintains a strong working relationship with her community. Her passion for communications and media policy and advocacy emerged from these tribal roots.

Her research and publications on Native American media and the digital divide focus on Internet use, network neutrality, digital and new media curriculums, digital inclusion and development of broadband networks in Indian Country. Her book, "Native American Voices: A Reader," is a teaching tool utilized in colleges throughout the country.

Dr. Morris earned her master's and doctoral degrees in American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona and her bachelor's degree from Colorado State University.

She is the principal and founder of Homahota Consulting, an organization serving tribes, city, state and county agencies, nonprofits, and small businesses working with tribes, providing culturally competent policy analysis, technical training, research and writing, and grant writing and grant management. In this capacity, she has done work for Native Public Media Inc., a service and advocacy organization that works to strengthen and expand Native American media capacity.

Previously, Dr. Morris worked directly in the arts, in several museums and galleries, including internships at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian at the George Gustav Heye Center in lower Manhattan (New York) and the Arizona State Museum. She worked for Tucson's oldest Native American Art Gallery, Bahti Indian Arts for more than 11 years, as manager and buyer.

About The American Indian Policy Institute at ASU

The American Indian Policy Institute at ASU is committed to tribally-driven participatory projects where tribal governments identify their research needs and collaborate with the university.

The institute responds to tribal direction and empowers tribes, tribal communities and American Indian students through projects that support self-determination and build tribal capacity. The institute transforms American Indian policy analysis through a transdisciplinary approach that includes departments and centers within the university as well as organizations in communities.

For more information about the American Indian Policy Institute at ASU, call 480-965-1055 or email Aipi.clas.asu.edu.

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Barrick appointed tribes' Cultural Tourism executive officer

Lona Barrick

ADA, Okla. – Gov. Bill Anoatubby has appointed Lona Barrick executive officer of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Tourism division.

"Lona Barrick is an asset to the Chickasaw Nation in this position because she understands that arts, history and culture play a vital role in the tourism industry," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Cultural tourism offers a meaningful opportunity to preserve and promote the culture and heritage of the Chickasaw people and all Oklahomans. We believe investing in cultural tourism will benefit the state and local economy for years to come."

Ms. Barrick began her career with the tribe in 1987, serving as manager of the Chickasaw Motor Inn. She managed development of tourism initiatives including dinner theatre productions at the inn in addition to Living History Plays in collaboration with the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. She has served as the director of public information, editor of *the Chickasaw Times* and the tribe's first tourism department.

She has also served as the area director for the Purcell office. Most recently, Ms. Barrick served as executive officer for the Arts and Humanities division and had the opportunity to oversee development of the first Chickasaw Press publication, "Unconquered and Unconquerable." Ms. Barrick also managed the initial development of the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy; the Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum; the Southeastern Art Show and Market; along with major art projects featuring the work of nationally recognized Chickasaw and Southeastern tribal artists. She served as chair of the inaugural Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur earlier this year.

"I am honored to have received this new appointment from Gov. Anoatubby," Ms. Barrick said. "The tourism industry is one of the leading industries in the state. With today's advanced technology, interest in new locations, ideas and cultural experiences have increased. Cultural tourism is an exciting and meaningful way to tell our story and to share our culture with others."

Ms. Barrick serves on a number of boards, councils and committees including the Oklahoma Arts Council, the OAC State Arts Collections Committee, Creative Oklahoma Planning Committee, the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Advisory Board and the Arts District of Ada steering committee.

She has served on the Oklahoma Humanities Council; the Native American Advisory Group to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Oklahoma Travel Industry Association and Red Earth board of directors.

A graduate of Lindsay (OK) High School, she earned a bachelor's degree from East Central (OK) University and completed graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. She taught at Byng School in Ada; Southwestern Oklahoma Christian College in Bethany, Okla.; and served as adjunct instructor at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.

She served as public affairs director, writer and on-air talent for KTEN-TV and KADA radio in Ada; community relations director for the Women's Resource Center, Norman, and public relations director for the YWCA in Oklahoma City.

Chickasaw Press launches redesigned website

The Chickasaw Press recently launched a redesigned website, www.chickasawpress.com, which offers online sales of its publications.

More than 30 titles, author and illustrator information and related topics are available on the updated website.

Among the 32 titles available include the three-volume "Chikasha Stories" series, written by Glenda Galvan and illustrated by Jeannie Barbour; "Ilimpa'chi' (We're Gonna Eat): A Chickasaw Cookbook," by JoAnn Ellis and Vicki Penner; two books featuring elders by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen and his wife, Martha: "Proud to be Chickasaw" and "They Know Who They Are."

White Dog Press publications "Chickasaw Journeys," a children's activities book and "Footsteps Still Whispering in the Wind," are also available for purchase on the website, as well as new titles released Oct. 2: "Chikasha: The Chickasaw Collection at the National Museum of the American Indian," by Joshua D. Hinson; "The Early Chickasaw Homeland: Origins, Boundaries and Society," by John P. Dyson; "Anompolichi: The Wordmaster," by Phillip Carroll Morgan, and a new children's book," C is for Chickasaw," by Wiley Barnes.

In addition, two Chickasaw Press publications are now available as eBooks on Amazon.

"Dynamic Chickasaw Women," by Phillip Carroll Morgan and Judy Goforth Parker and "Chickasaw Removal," by Amanda L. Paige, Fuller L. Bumpers and Daniel F. Littlefield Jr., are now available on Amazon.

Established in 2006, the Chickasaw Press produces scholarly and academic works based on Chickasaw history and culture, written from a Chickasaw perspective.

The White Dog Press debuted in 2013 as an outlet for Chickasaw fiction, poetry and other creative works.

The Chickasaw Press, located at 1500 Hoppe Blvd., Ste. 1 in Ada, Okla., has earned several awards for the titles it has published.

For more information about the Chickasaw Press visit www.ChickasawPress.com, email info@chickasawpress.com or phone (580) 436-7282.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Vicki Monks
405-524-4506
Chickasawvic@gmail.com

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Southern California Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224
wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Beverly Rodgers
(303) 719-3527

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Ellen Brooker
ebrooker@swisd.net

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
JOhn Atkins
972-271-0692

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CHICKASAW COUNTRY

Romberg named Chickasaw Nation General Counsel, Director

Carolyn Romberg

ADA, Okla. – Carolyn Romberg was born and raised in Shawnee, Okla., but it was an unusual encounter in Muskogee, Okla., that propelled her on a path to earning a law degree.

Mrs. Romberg ventured to a Muskogee attorney's office after receiving a letter concerning a large electric company cutting a swath through a section of land she and husband, Wes, were developing for residential housing.

"He (the attorney) told me 'don't ever come to my office again; send your lawyer'," Mrs. Romberg recalled. "I thought to myself 'I'll just become a lawyer and I'll go into your office anytime I wish'."

That law degree has paid off. She earned her degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1985 and has been helping people ever since. She recently was appointed Deputy General Counsel and Director of the Department of Interior Legal Division by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Carolyn Romberg has the education, experience and dedication to be very effective in this position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She understands her role in our mission and cares about helping make a difference in the lives of the Chickasaw people."

Mrs. Romberg has worked for the tribe nine years and now manages a staff of seven attorneys and one criminal probation officer.

She commutes to Ada each day from Shawnee, a drive she describes as "therapeutic and productive."

"I enjoy the commute as it gives me uninterrupted time to organize my thoughts and plan my day," Mrs. Romberg said.

Her husband's career is in the oil and gas industry. The couple have been married 42 years and have three children and six grandchildren.

Her duties, and those of her staff, consist of reviewing contractual documents for various departments of the Chickasaw Nation and assistance with their legal questions and dilemmas as well as providing prosecutorial services to the Chickasaw District Court for criminal prosecutions or Indian Child Welfare cases.

"This office performs legal research to find answers and solutions as the opportunities are identified, be it within the context of the program's day to day operations, a prosecutor or a probation officer role, or those of a contractual or legal nature. This office discusses, researches and addresses these questions while striving to make the process efficient, and effective in providing viable solutions," Mrs. Romberg said.

Her career path has taken her from several large and prestigious Oklahoma and Shawnee law firms from a business and securities practice to tribal law and tribal health care law. During private practice, she had the privilege of working on the BancFirst Initial Public Offering which took the financial institution public on the New York Stock Exchange.

Next she worked for the Absentee Shawnees as special assistant to the governor and their director of health.

Until her recent promotion, she served as an assistant general counsel where she primarily focused on work from the Offices of Self-Determination and the Department of Health that included assistance on the bond documentation utilized in building the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

"I am very proud to be working and associated with the Chickasaw Nation, Mrs. Romberg said.

"I am thankful God has given me this opportunity. I require a meaningful purpose in life, a way of helping people and, in this job, both requirements are fulfilled on both a personal and professional level."

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Halpern named Human Resources Director for northern region

Stephanie Halpern

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed Stephanie Halpern director of human resources for the northern region of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce.

"Ms. Halpern has the skills, experience and dedication to serve effectively in this new position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is an asset to the Chickasaw Nation because she is committed to our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people."

In her new position, Mrs. Halpern will oversee the human resources policies, programs, practices and employee relations activity at Chickasaw Nation facilities in the northern area, including Newcastle Casino, Salt Creek Casino, Riverwind Casino, and the Northern Region Training Center.

"I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve in a new leadership role with the Chickasaw Nation. I am blessed to be part of such an amazing mission." Mrs. Halpern said.

As director of human resources, Mrs. Halpern recommends and implements employment-related policies and programs such as recruitment, organizational planning, and employee relations and salary and benefits administration.

She will continue the responsibility of managing the employee recognition and events departments.

Ms. Halpern's career with the Chickasaw Nation began in 2006. She has served the Department of Commerce as administration human resources manager and most recently as Senior Employee Relations Manager.

A native of Ada, Mrs. Halpern is a 1992 graduate of Ada High School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Prior to her Chickasaw Nation employment, Mrs. Halpern served as Human Resource Manager at Flex-N-Gate, LLC, Ada, for almost a decade.

Mrs. Halpern, her husband Chris and daughter Anna Meyenberg live in Edmond, Okla. Mr. Halpern is the Math Department Chair for the Upper Division at Casaday School, Oklahoma City and Anna is an eighth grader at Casaday.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Elliott named Human Resources Director for Department of Health

Kate Elliott

ADA, Okla.- Gov. Bill Anoatubby has appointed Kate Elliott director of human resources in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

Ms. Elliott began with the tribe as a human resources specialist in 2004. She worked in the Department of Commerce from 2009 until her move to the Department of Health in July 2010. She became human resources manager in 2011.

"Ms. Elliott has the education, experience and dedication needed to meet the requirements of this position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Selecting and retaining the highly qualified personnel is essential to meeting our goal of delivering the highest quality health care."

In her new position as director, she will continue her efforts to help the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and clinics offer the highest quality health care.

"For me, it's just growing in this position," Ms. Elliott said. "I just hope to be even more involved and more helpful, as well as more supportive of the goals the department has."

One way the department plans to achieve its mission is by being available to employees who have questions or concerns.

"We are here. We're here to support you for the long haul. We want to help our employees with their successes and enable them to reach their goals," Ms. Elliott said. "We want to be more proactive and less reactive."

She will also help with training and development of medical employees.

"We will be able to help with primary source verifications, licensure certification and registration of our providers," Ms. Elliot said. "We will help to ensure that all licenses are active."

Ms. Elliott received her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in business from the University of Oregon. She is also a certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

"The people here are fantastic," Ms. Elliott said. "The tribe has been amazing. I'm just so grateful."

Ms. Elliott resides in Ada. She will celebrate 10 years with the Chickasaw Nation this December.

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

Eldred named Director of Human Resources for Department of Commerce central region

Jana Mozelle Eldred

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed a Chickasaw citizen to a leadership position in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce.

Jana Mozelle Eldred, of Ada, has been named human resources director of Chickasaw Nation's Department of Commerce Central Region.

"Mrs. Eldred brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this new position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Her commitment to enhancing the lives of Chickasaw people makes her well suited for this role."

In her new position, Mrs. Eldred directs the administration of human resources policies, programs, practices and employee relations activity for the Chickasaw Nation facilities in the central region including: Ada area facilities including Chickasaw Travel Stops (CTS) and Lazer Zone as well as "neighborhood facilities" Goldsby, Treasure Valley, Pauls Valley and other businesses, such as Bedré Chocolate.

"It is an honor to have been appointed to this position by Governor Anoatubby, and I am appreciative of the opportunity," Mrs. Eldred said. "I am very excited to be a part of the Chickasaw Nation Commerce Department Human Resources."

As director, Mrs. Eldred's other job duties include recommending and implementing employment-related policies and programs such as recruitment, organizational planning, employee relations and salary and benefits administration.

She also provides guidance and technical assistance in these areas to staff and operating functions in the organization.

A Southern Nazarene University graduate, Mrs. Eldred earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She has more than 20 years' experience in human resources. She also holds a National Certification in Human Resources Management and has experience in on the job injury management, payroll, HR compliance, Affirmative Action plans, recruiting, employee benefits administration, employee relations, professional insurance management and contract negotiation.

She was employed at Nationwide (formerly Carter) Home Health Agency for 16 years, last serving as Director of Corporate Operations before accepting a position with the Chickasaw Nation.

After her Chickasaw mother passed away, Mrs. Eldred said she was drawn to connect with the Chickasaw Nation and be a part of the tribe's mission and vision.

"She was so proud of being a Chickasaw, and I really felt a desire to go to work for the Chickasaw Nation."

Mrs. Eldred emphasizes that one of her primary responsibility is to respect people.

"I trust that with a genuine approach of respect and reasonable application, all parties involved benefit."

Creating a "win-win" situation for both employees and the Chickasaw Nation is one of her favorite aspects of her job.

"If you can help an employee better utilize a benefit, or connect someone with a job, everyone wins."

She attributes any success she may have experienced in life and business to the love and support of her family and her faith in God.

Born in Sulphur, Okla., Mrs. Eldred is the daughter of Sood and Mozell (Browning) Kirby.

She and her husband Jack live in Ada. They have two children, Jake Eldred and Summer Roberts and nine grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred lived in Oklahoma City for several years until moving to Ada in 2012.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Clemens named Director of Employee Development

Shawn Clemens

ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby has appointed Chickasaw veteran Shawn Clemens Director of Employee Development for the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Division.

Mr. Clemens will oversee this new department within the Division of Human Resources designed to help develop performance improvement plans and address behavioral issues of employees.

"I'm really tip-toeing in because this is a brand new department, "Mr. Clemens said. "I'm getting a lot of support, which is great."

A retired U.S. Army first sergeant, Mr. Clemens hopes to utilize some of his learned skills from working in human resources with the military.

"Shawn Clemens has the broad range of experience and skills needed to succeed in this position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We believe he is the right person to help our employees live up to their full potential."

He is excited for this opportunity and looks forward to helping develop the employees of the Chickasaw Nation, especially its leaders. He believes that everyone can be a leader with the right guidance.

"I will help come up with realistic ways to help employees improve," Mr. Clemens said. "That will enable them to be better leaders."

With 22 years of active duty service under his belt, Mr. Clemens has lived at various duty stations in California, South Carolina and Alaska. He served two tours in Iraq and has also been to Germany, Korea and Kuwait.

Originally from Ada, Mr. Clemens considers Oklahoma to be home.

Mr. Clemens graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Troy University.

He lives south of Ada on a small farm with his wife, Shelly and their two daughters, Brittany and Brooke. He has been with the Chickasaw Nation since October 2012.

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

For 2014-2015

Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce 34 additional scholarship recipients for the 2014-2015 academic year. Please join us in congratulating them!

Merideth Stuart

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Merideth Stuart is a sophomore majoring in nursing at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Marcy Morgan

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Marcy Morgan is a sophomore majoring in business at Texas A&M University.

Austin Jones

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Austin Jones is a freshman majoring in business at Oklahoma State University.

Robin Heckes

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Robin Heckes is a junior pursuing a degree in chemical biosciences at the University of Oklahoma.

Johnny Yarbrough

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Johnny Yarbrough is a senior at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in nursing.

Taylor Tyson

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Taylor Tyson is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in athletic training.

Carley Givens

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Carley Givens is a sophomore at Texas A&M University majoring in community health science.

Ravna Savage

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Rayna Savage is a senior majoring in medical imaging and radiation science at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Timothy Tate

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Timothy Tate is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma pursuing general studies.

Stephen Farrand

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Stephen Farrand is pursuing his doctorate of pharmacy at Oklahoma State University.

Stephanie Black

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Stephanie Black is a graduate student at Oklahoma City University pursing a Juris Doctorate of law.

Emily Coleman

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Emily Coleman is a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in optometry.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Taryn Jack is a junior at East Central University majoring in biology pre-medicine.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Shealynn Garrett is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in biology.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Tiffany Postoak is a senior majoring in legal studies at East Central University.

Taryn Jack

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Jordan Pharr is a junior at East Central University majoring in pre-pharmacy.

Shealynn Garrett

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Tyler Braswell is a junior majoring in business at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.

Tiffany Postoak

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Dominique McCaskill is a junior at Xavier University of Louisiana majoring in mass communications.

Jordan Pharr

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Melissa Hamilton is a senior majoring in nursing at Olympic College.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Jared Clayton is a junior at Southern Methodist University majoring in accounting.

Tyler Braswell

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Jacob Carmen is a freshman majoring in orthodontics at the University of Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Roudee Humphers is a freshman at Mid-American Christian University majoring in mathematics.

Dominique McCaskill

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Ryanne Jordan is a freshman majoring in fashion design at the University of North Texas.

Melissa Hamilton

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Brittany Stamper is a graduate student pursuing a doctorate of veterinary medicine at Oklahoma State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Jared Clayton

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Ashlee Solice is a freshman attending the University of North Texas majoring in art history.

Jacob Carmen

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Connor Brown is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in business.

Roudee Humphers

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Jayson Hogland is a freshman majoring in petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Katelyn Schroeder is a junior at the University of Oregon pursuing a degree in Spanish.

Ryanne Jordan

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Kennedy Citro is a sophomore at Mount St. Mary's University majoring in elementary education.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Meagan Cardinalle is a freshman at Murray State College majoring in English education.

Brittany Stamper

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Danielle Lamb is a sophomore majoring in business at the University of Missouri.

Ashlee Solice

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Ms. Hannah Kohlschmidt is a freshman at Texas Tech University majoring in nursing.

Connor Brow

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Kasey Engle is a freshman majoring in mass communications electronics and creative media at the Oklahoma Christian University.

Jayson Hogland

Chickasaw Foundation Grants – Mr. Jaron Benton is a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University double majoring in accounting and journalism.

Katelyn Schroeder

Kennedy Citro

Meagan Cardinalle

Danielle Lamb

Hannah Kohlschmidt

Kasey Engle

Jaron Benton

Pontotoc Pursuit Bicycle Ride Scheduled for Oct. 18

Cyclists are invited to participate in the Pontotoc Pursuit Bicycle Ride on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The ride will begin at 1300 Cradduck Road in Ada, and consist of four routes; eight-miles, 30-miles, 45-miles and 64-miles. Proceeds will benefit the Chickasaw Foundation.

Individual pre-registration fee is $25. On-site registration fees are $35 for individuals and $50 for families. The first 125 registrants will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

Registered participants are eligible to enter a drawing for a specialized Cross Trail bicycle provided by Apex Bicycles of Ada.

Online registration is available at www.chickasawfoundation.org or you may pick-up a registration form at the Chickasaw Foundation, 110 W. 12th Street, or Apex Bicycles, 226 W. 12th Street, both in Ada, Oklahoma.

A meal will be served from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. for cyclists and their families. Door prize drawings will start at noon.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Foundation Friends of the Foundation Reception

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are accepting donations for our silent auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 7, 2014. This reception is held annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 we established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). This year's recipient is Mr. Zac Garcia who is a junior, vocal performance major at East Central University.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). In January 2015 we will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over $250 to the Foundation during 2014. We will also issue receipts for those who contributed other amounts upon request. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service" – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 as a 501 (c) 3 organization. Every year we are fortunate to receive many charitable donations including memorial donations. A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members, per your request, upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Please contact our office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

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Rita Faye Crow

Rita Faye Crow, 79, of Rogers, Oklahoma died September 9, 2014 in Rogers.

She was born February 21, 1935 at Bokchito, Oklahoma to Paul and Cleo Bell Ogden. She was a caregiver.

She is survived by her husband Arthur Thomas Crow, of the home; children Arthur Thomas Crow, Jr., of Calera, Oklahoma, Rita Ann Taylor and Holder P. Crow, both of Garfield, Oklahoma, Marsha Jane Root, of Pineville, Missouri and Alonzo R. Crow, of Bella Vista; a brother C.C. Ogden; sisters, Pauline Dunsmore, Celesta Hall, Glenda Anderson and Jettie Erwin; fifteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Private Interment was at Twelve Corners Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com

Lura Helen Mullican

Lura Helen Mullican, 79, died September 10, 2014 at Ada, Oklahoma. Graveside services were September 15 at Elmwood Cemetery, Hartshorne, Oklahoma with Dr. Walter Mullican officiating.

She was born October 1, 1934 at Hartshorne, to Donna and Tommie (Reagan) Hodges.

She moved to Ada, Oklahoma in 1992 from Norman, Oklahoma where she had resided for over 28 years. She and her late husband O.V. Mullican were married March 1964 in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Mullican worked for the Chickasaw Nation as a secretary for many years. She was also the secretary for the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two half-brothers, Bucky and Gary Hodges.

She is survived by a daughter Cheryl and husband, Darin Hassell, of Oklahoma City; two sons, Ron and Janice Ivey, of Owasso, Oklahoma and Jimmy Ivey, of Ada; a brother, James and Inge Hodges, of Oklahoma City; two half-brothers, Albert Hodges, of Ada and Claude Hodges, of Boise, Idaho; three half-sisters, Sandra Miller, of Hartshorne, Gayle Hodges, of Inola, Oklahoma and Debbie Hodges of Schulter, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, longtime friends and neighbors.

Online guestbook and condolences are available at www.phillipsfuneralservice.com

Buena Perry Van Dam

Buena Perry Van Dam, 92, of Northville, Michigan died August 13, 2014. A memorial service was held on August 31, 2014 in Northville, Michigan.

She was born April 28, 1922 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

She was the beloved wife for seventy years of Paul A. Van Dam who preceded her in death in 2011.

Mrs. Van Dam was the daughter of original enrollee Benny Perry and Margaret Deputy Perry; and the granddaughter of original enrollee Jeff Perry.

She was the loving mother of Karen and Bruce Galbraith, D. Kristen Schumacher, P. Michael and Janet Van Dam, Martha and Thomas Neumeyer, and Gretchen Van Dam; known and loved grandmother of ten; great-grandmother of twenty-one; and aunt of Margaret Nickels and Judy Frentzel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan would be appreciated.

Theron Price, Jr.

Theron Price, Jr., 90, of Lone Grove, Oklahoma died on his birthday, September 8, 2014, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Funeral services were September 11, 2014, at the Harvey-Douglas Centennial Chapel with Mrs. Pam Anderson, Mr. Tom Riley, Mr. Harold Hunt and Mr. Gary Scott officiating. Interment with military honors provided by the Chickasaw Honor Guard will take place at the Lone Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Price was born September 8, 1924, at Lone Grove, to Theron Bogard and Elcurtis (Sharp) Price, Sr. He was very proud of his affiliation to the Chickasaw Nation and his ancestry.

He graduated from Lone Grove High School and attended Murray State College, Southeastern Oklahoma State University and the University of New Mexico. He received his bachelors and masters in education.

He taught at numerous schools over his 40 year career as an educator and coach: including Mannsville, Mountain Home, Meadowbrook, Kenton, Lone Grove and Healdton, Oklahoma, and Thoreau and Gallup, New Mexico. He also had worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Education in the bus transportation department.

He had a decorated career serving in the U. S. Navy and the Oklahoma and New Mexico Army National Guards. He started in the Navy as a radioman, where he was stationed on the Admiralty Islands, north of New Guinea during World War II. After his stint with the U.S. Navy, he attended OCS, and became a 2nd Lieutenant with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He served in both the Oklahoma and New Mexico National Guards, serving as the Commander of the Gallup, New Mexico unit and retired as a Major from the Ardmore, Oklahoma unit.

Mr. Price was a lifetime member of the VFW, and had served as Commander of the VFW Post 4574. He also managed the Saturday night Bingo. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Gallup, New Mexico, the Southern Oklahoma Military Officers Association, the Gold Wing Riders Motorcycle Club, and the Lone Grove First United Methodist Church.

He married the former Janice K. Harwell on January 21, 1976 in Gallup.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Guy Wayne Price.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, of the home; a son, Larry Price and wife, Kathy, of Columbus, Georgia; daughters, Cassie Henderson, of Gallup and Lesley Tiner and husband, Corey, of Wilson, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Aaron Price, Philip Henderson, Denise Henderson, Mike Henderson, Landon Tiner, Rylee Tiner and Rebekah Tiner; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Clifford Price, of Lone Grove; sisters, Helen McReynolds, of Ardmore, and Janie Bogle, of Lone Grove; several nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were Joe David McReynolds, Cameron McReynolds, Brady McReynolds, Joel McReynolds, Kyle Craighead and Steve Taliaferro.

Honorary casket bearers will be Tommy Crowell, Bud Graves and Gerald Orr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lone Grove Fire Department, 17833 US Highway 70, Lone Grove, OK 73443 or to the Lone Grove First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 314, Lone Grove, OK 73443.

Online condolences may be sent to www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com .

James Howard Townsend

James Howard Townsend, 85, of Blanchard, Oklahoma died, August 24, 2014, at Purcell, Oklahoma. Funeral service were August 28, 2014 at Eisenhour Funeral Home Chapel in Blanchard. Burial was August 28, 2014 at Mountain View Cemetery near Sterling, Oklahoma.

He was born November 27, 1928 at Oklahoma City to Robert Simpson and Eula Beatrice (Seifried) Townsend. He graduated from Washington Schools.

Mr. Townsend served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the VFW. He worked for the FAA as an inspection instructor for many years and then went to work as a private contractor Airworthiness Representative from 1995 to 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen; a granddaughter, Whitney Fleming; two brothers, Harold and Harry Townsend; and two sisters, Wanda Cass and Juanita Ratliff.

He is survived by two sons, James Townsend and his wife, Deanna, of Blanchard and Allen Townsend and his wife, Maxie, of Edmond, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Angela Dewey and her husband, Delbert, of Dibble, Oklahoma, Clint Townsend and his wife, Jessica, of Tennessee, Brandi Beres and her husband, Jim Bob, of Oklahoma City, and Morgan Townsend, of Oklahoma City; nine great-grandchildren, Katlee, Aubrey, Autumn, Owen, Wyatt, Jacie, Jimi, Zach, and Ashlyn; a sister-in-law, Lou Revel, of Oklahoma; a brother-in-law, Paul Ratliff, of Washington; and many other loved ones and friends.

Online obituary and guestbook are available at www.eisenhourfh.com.

Virginia D. Lowrance-Tyler

Virginia D. Lowrance-Tyler died August 4, 2014.

She was born January 22, 1911 at Sulphur, Oklahoma to Robert and Sophire Lowrance.

She was a graduate of Norman (OK) High School and the University of Oklahoma.

She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, John Tyler; and a total of 52 grandchildren including great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Myrna Joyce Raborn

Myrna Joyce Raborn, 76, died peacefully August 25, 2014, with family at her side. Per her request, there will be no formal service. It was her wish for all to remember her as she was before her illness.

She was born at home in Waco, Texas on September, 13, 1937 to William and Daisy (Latta) Headley. She was the granddaughter of John Latta and the great-granddaughter of G.W. Latta.

She graduated from Waco High School in 1956, and married Paul Raborn, Jr. May 14, 1957. They lived in Robinson for the last 54 years where they raised their four children.

She was a member of Faith Temple Baptist Church in Lorena, the Waco Iris Society, and the Chickasaw Nation.

She taught countless numbers of children to swim at the YWCA's Tiny Tot program. She enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, fossil hunting, playing canasta, and watching the Rangers and the Astros.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Mark Raborn.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Paul Raborn; sons, Todd Raborn and wife, Gayle, and Lindsey Raborn; a daughter, Amy Raborn; grandchildren, Jay, Paul, Aaron, Allison, Kayla, Austin and Tommy; and extended family and friends, including dear friend Charlie Green.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to the hospitalist group at Providence Health Center and the hospice unit at Scott and White - Hillcrest for their loving care.

Memorials may be made in Myrna Raborn's name to Faith Temple Baptist Church, 1197 Old Lorena Road, Lorena, TX 76655.

Online guest book www.pecangrovefuneral.com.

Velda Novella Haynes

Velda Novella Haynes, 86, died peacefully at home in Sacramento, California, August 25 2014, surrounded by family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. At her request there was not a funeral service.

She was born Feb. 7 1928 at Clarita, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Haynes was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. She loved spending time on the golf course and watching golf tournaments with her husband Bob. She enjoyed reading, tending to her pretty garden flowers and doing needlework.

She was preceded in death by parents Winnie and Samuel Pickens Wright.

She is survived by loving husband of 68 years, Robert L. Haynes Sr.; two sons Robert L. Haynes Jr. (Carol) and Michael E. Haynes; grandchildren Thomas, Iris, Jennifer; and five great-grandchildren; sisters Winn Mitchell and Lorene Piercy.

She will be greatly missed by all.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 15, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Bethany Gill, Judy Goforth Parker

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 18, 2014

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the July 18, 2014 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2014 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 31-037, Approval of Development Budget, Newcastle Gaming Addition

This resolution approves the development budget amount for the Newcastle Gaming Addition project in the amount of $23,482,586.00. The development budget addresses the design, engineering, and construction of a new 30,000 square feet gaming addition. The building will house approximately 550 new electronic games along with related back of house support. The project will also include a 261,000 square feet six-level parking structure housing 786 parking spaces. 300 new spaces will also be added to the existing surface parking area.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR31-037.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus,

Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-037 carried unanimously.

Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 31-038, Authorization for Combining Real Property in McClain County

Prior to a final plat being recorded a piece of real property was acquired in a Metes and Bounds legal description. An adjoining property in the Lots and Block description was later acquired after the final plat was recorded. The recorded final plat now describes both Property 1 and 2 as Lots and Block description. Therefore, this resolution authorizes the combination of the two properties for clarity reasons.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR31-038.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-039, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Davis, Murray County Oklahoma, for historical and culture preservation.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR31-039.

Mrs. Alexander acknowledged the Committee Chair for obtaining background information on said property and also for presenting the criteria used when the Nation purchases property.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-039 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-040, To Rescind and Replace General Resolution 30-002 (Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Jefferson County)

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to correct a legal description to cure a gap between the highway right of way and the property boundary in Jefferson County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is located approximately .25 miles north of the Red River on Highway 81 and is to be utilized for gaming.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR31-040.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-040 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Shana Hammond

General Resolution Number 31-041, Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Duncan, Oklahoma

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to participate with the Indian Health Service in its Joint Venture Construction Program. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will offer enhanced services that are not currently available. This resolution is needed immediately due to the fact that the pre-application deadline is September 12, 2014.

A motion was made by Ms. Hammond and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR31-038.

Mrs. Alexander inquired what the Nation would be awarded if it receives the bid. Ms. Hammond stated she would request that information. She noted the joint venture would provide salaries for approximately 74 people.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-038 carried unanimously.

Ms. Hammond concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding contracts with the Federal Government.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

SEPTEMBER 2014 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-042

Approval of Revised Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2014

Explanation: This resolution approves the revised Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of $153,857,565. The fringe benefits and 401(k) match within the Tribal Budget were incorrectly calculated for the current year.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 31-043

Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Mr. Mark Riesen

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Mark Riesen to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission to fill a term ending on December 31, 2017.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 31-044

Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Mr. Claude Miller

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Claude Miller to fill the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission for a term of office ending on December 31, 2017.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 31-007

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 6 Article B of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Changes of Names)

Explanation: This resolution provides language in the Chickasaw Nation Code authorizing the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation to change a person's name. The Court currently adopts Oklahoma law to change names.

Presented By: Court Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole
September 15, 2014
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Connie Barker, Scott Wood

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
September 9, 2014
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, David Woerz
Absent: Scott Wood

Finance Committee
September 8, 2014
Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert
September 15, 2014
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Connie Barker

Human Resources Committee
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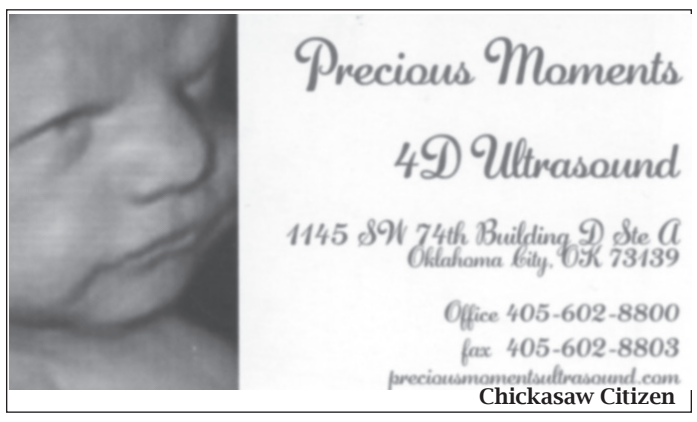
Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods



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